

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Triumph untouched by private weakness

Peter Ackroyd, p7, leading article, p15



LIBBY PURVES

Holiday fun with all those hearty mothers

Summer heroines, page 12



WILLIAM REES-MOGG

German view of a better kind of Europe

The legal challenges, page 14

EDUCATION ON MONDAY
Page 31

THE TIMES

No. 64,706 MONDAY JULY 26 1993 45p

'Bastards' comment angers Right

Major gaffe endangers Tory truce

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The Tories bleak prospects at Christchurch were worsened as the prime minister's off-the-cuff comments re-opened the wounds of Maastricht

THE fragile truce between John Major and the Tory Euro-sceptics was in danger of collapse last night after he bracketed three right-wing cabinet ministers with backbench "bastards" spreading "poison" about his leadership.

As a storm erupted over the leaking of the prime minister's off-the-record remarks, right-wing Tories hit back angrily and others complained that Mr Major's gaffe had snuffed out any lingering hopes of avoiding a Liberal Democrat landslide in Thursday's Christchurch by-election.

Mr Major had lowered his guard in conversation with Michael Brunson, ITN's political editor, during a break between a series of interviews after the confidence vote on Friday. With the television lights off, Mr Brunson asked about three cabinet ministers who had reportedly threatened to resign if Mr Major embraced the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty. The prime minister replied that if they were to go, they might join the "dispossessed and the never-possessed" who were spreading poison, adding: "We don't want three more of the bastards out there."

The ministers were not named in the conversation, but Peter Lilley, Michael Portillo, John Redwood and Michael Howard are widely seen as the most Euro-sceptic members of the cabinet. Mr Howard played a central role in a series of meetings last week that helped Mr Major to find an escape route from his difficulties, so his name may not have been at the front of the prime minister's mind when he twice referred to three cabinet dissidents.

Mr Lilley and Mr Howard refused to comment yesterday, while Mr Redwood made clear that he did not want to dwell on the past. "I am looking to the future and to a united Tory party following an agenda for a free-market open Europe of the kind we have always wanted," he said.

Backbench Euro-sceptics were, however, swift to criticise Mr Major for his remarks. Edward Leigh, who was sacked as trade minister in May and voted against the government on the social chapter last Thursday, said: "It's rather distressing for a British prime minister to start swearing at cabinet colleagues. It smacks of the Nixon era. It's rather sad to personalize great constitutional issues in this way. When I was in government, I argued my case for a referendum. Peter Lilley has argued his case and so have others. There is no point using bad language about people. One should respect their opinions."

The leading Euro-sceptic Sir Teddy Taylor added: "The last thing we want is to have bad language used about someone who is as straight and honourable as Michael Portillo. To use those words against members of his cabinet just seems to me to be nasty."

But Tony Marlow, another rebel, said there was no malice in Mr Major and he had merely used a figure of speech.

Friends of the four right-wing ministers also sought to play down the significance of Mr Major's remarks, suggesting they were the emotional words of a man who had just emerged from one of the most hazardous weeks of his political life. "He was tired. He was asked a hypothetical question and he had had a very difficult 48 hours," one MP said.

Downing Street refused to comment on a private conversation, and party chiefs sought to distract attention from Mr Major's words by demanding a BBC enquiry into how they were passed to *The Observer*. Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, wrote to John Birt, director general of the corporation, demanding a swift explanation.

The BBC — which recorded all interviews at 10 Downing Street on Friday under a pooling arrangement — said that said the leak could have come from "any number of places" since the interviews were being monitored in dozens of media offices. It has, however, launched an investigation.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats meanwhile moved quickly to exploit the prime minister's embarassment, saying that he was more interested in appeasing cabinet rebels than taking the right decisions for the country.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said: "The Conservative party is divided and divided right to the heart of the cabinet. They can no longer lead the country because every decision is made in the interests of holding a series of factions together."

The difficulty Mr Major faces in keeping his party together was further highlighted last night when right-wingers claimed that the left was planning a putsch in the elections to the executive of the 1922 committee. "Far from it being live and let live, it is live and let die," one said.

BBC enquiry 2
Times Christchurch guide .. 6
Mitterrand summit 11
William Rees-Mogg 14

What was said in the taped conversation

THESE are the exchanges between John Major and Michael Brunson on the tape:

Mr Major: "The real problem is one of a tiny majority. Don't overlook that. I could have all these clever, decisive things which people wanted me to do — but I would have split the Conservative party into smithereens. And you would have said I had acted like a ham-fisted leader."

Mr Brunson: (asks about the three rebel cabinet ministers who threatened to resign if Mr Major agreed to the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty) "I'd better not mention them in this room."

Mr Major: "Just think it through from my perspective. You are the prime minister, with a majority of 18, a party that is still harking back to a golden age that never was, and is now invented. You have three right-wing members of the cabinet who actually resign. What happens in the parliamentary party?"

Mr Brunson suggests that the prime minister could easily find three replacement ministers.

Mr Major: "I could bring in other people. But where do you think most of this poison is coming from? From the dispossessed and the never-possessed. You can think of ex-Ministers who are going around causing all sorts of trouble.

"We don't want another three more of the bastards out there. What's Lyndon Johnson's maxim...*(tape is cut here.)*

Johnson's maxim was, "It is better to have him (J.Edgar Hoover, the FBI director) inside the tent pissing out than outside pissing in."



Civilian terror: a Lebanese woman fleeing the air attacks with her child

Israelis launch huge air attack on Lebanon

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI warplanes unleashed a fierce retaliatory air attack against Islamic militants across Lebanon yesterday, provoking a bitter round of tit-for-tat violence that threatened to plunge the Israeli-Lebanese border area into a war zone.

In what was described as the most intense Israeli air assault since its invasion of Lebanon in 1982, scores of Israeli fighter bombers and helicopter gunships flew repeated missions over Lebanon against two pro-Iranian groups, the militant Islamic Hezbollah movement and the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Central Command.

Reports from Lebanon said that at least ten people were killed in the attacks, including Syrian soldiers serving in the Bekaa Valley, a local Hezbollah chief in the south, identified as Karmal Balhaz, and several civilians.

In the most serious incident, helicopter gunships attacked a Syrian army position in south Lebanon, security sources said. Later a Syrian military spokesman, quoted by the official Sana news agency, said two soldiers had been killed and a third wounded in the raids. Syria and Lebanon are key negotiating partners with Israel in the 20-month-old Middle East peace talks.

In a retaliatory attack later yesterday, two Israeli civilians were killed when Katyusha rockets fired by Hezbollah guerrillas struck the northern Israeli border area. Hundreds of civilians were evacuated to safer areas.

The attacks might have serious repercussions in the region for this week's visit by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, whose attempts to revive the Middle East peace negotiations could be overshadowed by the fighting. Although Hezbollah probably had that goal in mind when it set out to provoke the Jewish state into action, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was given little choice by his colleagues in government, the military establishment and the public.

"We will not make the settlements in Israel along the Lebanese border hostages in Hezbollah's hands," said the Israeli leader, who added that he was eager for peace to be restored to the area. However he added: "If there is no tranquility here, there will be no tranquility for all the Lebanese in southern Lebanon outside the security zone."

The Israeli leader was reported to have taken the decision to retaliate on Friday after his coalition government had come under sustained pressure for a week, particularly from frontline communities living in the Galilee. So far this month, six Israeli soldiers have been killed in action in Lebanon and a seventh died yesterday.

Israel's response came in mid-morning yesterday when bombers hit ten positions in a co-ordinated operation against Hezbollah strongholds from the ancient Roman city of Baalbeck in the Bekaa Valley to the group's frontline base at Siddiqine, near Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

☐ **Washington:** The US State Department, responding to the Israeli raids, urged Middle Eastern countries to exercise the utmost restraint and to rely on peace negotiations when settling their difference, saying: "We have called on all parties to exercise maximum restraint and have made this point in recent diplomatic exchanges." *(Reuter)*

Kibbutz profits, page 12
Leading article, page 15

Kidney patients left to die

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS with kidney failure are being denied treatment and left to die even though kidney machines are available to treat them. Only three of the 16 hospitals with the machines in London and the south east are using them full-time. Some are treating fewer than half the number of patients they could handle.

Specialists estimate that 80 patients per million of the population need treatment for kidney failure, but only 60 per million receive it.

The machines in London are under-used because hospitals do not have the staff or resources to run them and GPs outside the capital are unaware they are available because they are too far away.

Idle machines, page 3

Schools 'hit squads' to be rushed through

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are to rush through plans to send in "hit squads" to take over the worst schools in the country after the education bill completes its passage through Parliament today.

The first of about 130 schools causing the most concern will be inspected in September and education associations run by retired head teachers and businessmen may begin to move into the worst of them early next year.

The bill, which is expected to become law in the next fortnight, stipulates that schools found to be failing their pupils will be given eight weeks to agree an action plan with their local authority. They would then have up to a year to put the improvements into effect.

Ofsted, the new school inspection agency, is already working on a much tighter timetable, however, and is considering setting up a special unit to deal with schools "requiring special measures". The new education associations could take over a school immediately if ministers believe an action plan will not work.

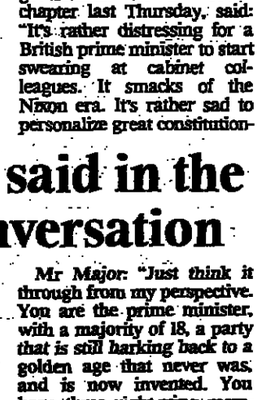
Eric Forth, the education minister, said: "We are very determined on this. Should the bill receive Royal Assent, the education associations will be one thing we want to have in place fairly quickly. We are saying to the education world that it is unacceptable for any schools to carry on like this.

"There may be cases where we will say 'We will give you a year', but when a school is a complete shambles, that would be almost defeating the purpose of the exercise. We must allow for a much shorter time frame than that."

The new associations, which

Continued on page 2, col 7
New chapter, page 31

Schwarzkopf's temper 'almost got him sacked'



Schwarzkopf: alleged to have abused his staff

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

GENERAL Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf — America's Gulf War hero — came close to losing his job in the months leading up to the war because Richard Cheney, the former US defence secretary, objected to his temper and abusive behaviour towards subordinates, according to a new book.

Crusade: The Untold Story of the Persian Gulf War, by Rick Atkinson of *The Washington Post*, sets out to debunk the image of General Schwarzkopf as selfless and avuncular, portraying him as a bad-tempered and ill-mannered man who derided his staff.

The book claims General Schwarzkopf threatened his most important and closest aides with dismissal, including senior army, navy and air force colleagues, the chief air targeteer, and the commanders of both army corps.

One of those who allegedly suffered humiliation at the hands of General Schwarzkopf, was Lieutenant General John Yeosock. His treatment, Atkinson wrote, "bred contempt among subordinates, who privately and unfairly referred to Yeosock as General Halftrack, the confused, aging commander in the comic strip 'Beetle Bailey'."

On a flight from Washington, Mr Cheney watched with disbelief when a major held a place for General Schwarzkopf in a lavatory queue, and when a colonel, on his knees, tried to iron the general's uniform. Atkinson says that the former defence secretary became angered by the general's "imperial trappings". These included his motorcade, described as longer than that of King Fahd of Saudia Arabia, and his habit of having an aide precede him into a room to lay out his refreshments.

Mr Cheney considered dismissing him, but decided instead to send a three-star general as a minder with the task to "sweep up" General Schwarzkopf's "broken crockery".

Atkinson, however, presents no criticism of General Schwarzkopf's conduct of the war, and acknowledges that he made "no significant error of strategy and tactic".

The author also claims that the general raised no objections when President Bush decided to end the ground war after 100 hours, an issue which had been under dispute.

Air attack, page 10

Arts 27-28
Births, marriages, deaths 16
Books 29
Business 32-34, 36
Chess 7,36
Concise Crossword 36
Court and Social 16
Crossword 18
Diary 14
Education 31
Fashion 13
Leading articles 15
Letters 15
Obituaries 17
Racing 23
Sport 19-26
Times Today 18
Weather 18
TV & Radio 35

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 32; Belgium B Frs 65; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 250; Cyprus C£1.00; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mkk 15.00; France F 12.00; Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 350; Netherlands Fl 4.50; Irish Republic 60p; Italy L 3,500; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 275; Malta 43c; Morocco Dir 25.00; Norway Kr 16.00; Portugal Esc 275; Spain Pes 250; Sweden Skr 17.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.80; Tunisia Din 2.00; USA $3.00.

I'M PLEASED



For more excellent information, FreeCall 0500 500 400 or send in the coupon.

Please send me a free brochure describing the benefits of Mercury's Residential Service. Post to Mercury Communications Ltd, FREEPOST (TK989), Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8BR.

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ..... Initials .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Tel (STD Code): ..... Number: .....

My last quarterly phone bill came to roughly £ .....

Mercury is available to 90% of homes TM/9

Mercury COMMUNICATIONS
A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Community care 'not working' for addicts

Many drug addicts and alcoholics are failing to get help because of confusion caused by the community care regulations, a report is expected to show this week. The report by a monitoring group at Goldsmiths' College, part of London University, will show that the number of admissions to some independent treatment centres is down by as much as 50 per cent.

But John Marsden, a researcher for Turning Point, an agency for addicts, said the report would not disclose financial problems of the new system, which makes local councils pay for care. "What it won't show is that most of the money will run out by September. It will only provide a partial picture," he said. Alcohol Concern said half of those seeking help were unable to find it. "The service is not getting to the clients."

Victim may speak again

The Edinburgh woman who delivered a harrowing account of a sex attack and the subsequent lenient sentencing of her assailant to the Scottish Tory party conference in May could address the main Conservative conference in October in Brighton. If called to speak, the woman — named only as Judy — intends to demand better training of judges and penalties for those who make outrageous statements or pass over-lenient sentences. A BBC *Panorama* programme on the case is scheduled soon.

Jubilee line approval

The final approval for London's £1.9 billion Jubilee line Underground extension looks likely to be given by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, this week. Work on the line, which is expected to create 12,000 jobs in the short term and up to 20,000 later, is expected to start in September. Legal technicalities surrounding the receivership of Olympia & York, the developers of Canary Wharf, could still delay the scheme, but ministers are confident that the main hurdles have been cleared.

Joyriders die in crash

Five people were killed and three others, including a baby, were seriously injured on the roads at the weekend. A car with two joyriders aboard hit and killed Stephen Johnson, from Eccles yesterday in Middleton, Greater Manchester. Sandra Cowan, from Northumberland, died in a crash on Saturday near Belsay, Northumberland.

Beatles' words for sale



A sheet of paper bearing the opening words to the Beatles' song *I Am the Walrus* — "I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together" hand-written by John Lennon, left — goes under the hammer on Thursday for an estimated £50,000 in a sale of Beatles' memorabilia at Sotheby's in London. Other lots include Paul McCartney's lyrics for *Fool On The Hill*, estimated to fetch up to £20,000.

Adams takes chess lead

Michael Adams of Britain has clawed his way to the lead in the Fide interzonal tournament at Biel, Switzerland after beating Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Vladimir Kramnik (Russia). Adams, Evgeny Bareev (Russia) and Boris Gelfand (Russia) are have 6 points.

Championship Chess, page 7

Drug woman's film deal

Karyn Smith, one of the women released from a Thai jail sentence for heroin smuggling, has signed a contract giving Columbia Pictures an option to make a film of her three years in prison. Stephen Jakobi, her solicitor, said he did not know whether the option, worth £10,000, had been taken up but no money had yet changed hands.

BBC launches enquiry into taping of Major's outburst

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC has launched an urgent enquiry into allegations that corporation staff, who recorded a private conversation in which the prime minister referred to troublemakers within the parliamentary party as "bastards", leaked the material to the press.

Mr Major is alleged to have made the remarks during a conversation with Michael Brunson, political correspondent for Independent Television News, last Friday night at the end of a live interview. The remarks were made off air, when both men believed that recording equipment had been turned off. According to *The Observer*, BBC technical staff monitored the conversation and made a transcription of its contents, which they passed to the newspaper.

The leak has caused embarrassment at the BBC and anger among executives at ITN, who have written to the corporation demanding an explanation for what they consider a grave breach of journalistic ethics. The BBC said yesterday said that it would launch an enquiry.

Suggestions from the corporation that either ITN or Sky News could have been the source of the story were given short shrift by both broadcasters, who flatly denied responsibility. As is usual when a news story is breaking in more than one location, several rival broadcasters pooled facilities on Friday night to relay live interviews with political figures back to their news rooms. Pooling involves sharing a single telecommunications line, capable of carrying sound and pictures. The line is kept open between interviews.

On Friday night ITN provided the line for a series of live interviews with John Smith, the Labour leader, at the House of Commons, while the BBC covered the Major interviews at Downing Street. These were pooled between the BBC, ITN, and Sky News, which is 50 per cent owned by News Corporation, owner of News International, parent company of *The Times*.

Interviews with the prime minister took place on the pooled line in the following order: ITN (for the 5.40pm news), Sky News, BBC1 (for the *Six O'Clock News*), Channel 4's 7pm news, and finally ITN's *News at Ten*. It is believed that the "bastards" comment came after the end of the *News at Ten* interview.

Although the television lights and cameras had been turned off, it is possible that any of the broadcasters in the pool could have recorded the two men's conversation as sound is often recorded separately. As the comments came after the last interview when the other broadcasters had packed up and gone home, it seems unlikely that anyone other than BBC staff were still recording.

Broadcasting history is full of indiscreet "out-takes" from politicians. In 1984 Ronald Reagan, then US president, caused uproar when bootlegged copies of a microphone test he had made for a radio interview were circulated. The president had joked that he had signed legislation outlawing Russia, adding: "The bombing begins in five minutes."

In 1989 the BBC obtained an injunction preventing the release of a rap record containing an out-take from an interview with Neil Kinnock, then the Labour leader. The Corporation argued that the use of the material, in which Mr Kinnock swore and said he refused to be "kebabbed" into talking about Conservative policies, amounted to a breach of copyright.

Major gaffe, page 1
Peter Riddell and William Rees-Mogg, page 14
Letters, page 15

Asians back marriages curb, insists Churchill

By Robin Young

WINSTON Churchill, the Conservative MP for Davyhulme, claimed yesterday to have received support from British Asians for his demand that a drive against "racketeering in bogus arranged marriages" should be a first priority in a campaign to curb immigration.

Mr Churchill, whose previous comments on immigration and race relations led to widespread protests, said yesterday: "Many young British-born Asians are being put under tremendous pressure by their parents not to marry anyone from within the already large Asian community in Britain, but to marry instead somebody living in the sub-continent."

Abuse of the arranged marriage system was an important element in illegal immigration, he said.

"Many teenage British Asians object to this most strenuously. Many have boy friends or girl friends already here and do not want to be married off to somebody they have never met, with a background and upbringing completely different to their own. There is significant abuse of the arranged marriage system. A lot of money is changing hands, and it is demeaning to British-born Asian youngsters to be treated as chattels of their parents.

"For daughters to be sold by their father to the highest bidder as he sees fit is very offensive, and cannot be accepted in Britain today."

Mr Churchill agreed that an arranged marriage within the established British Asian community would not "lend itself to abuse by putting a bounty on the heads of British-born grooms or brides who could supply British passports". But he added: "I do believe that, without the complete free will of all parties, the concept of the arranged marriage has no place in British society at the end of the twentieth century."

Cameron Fyfe, the solicitor who last month obtained a court ruling which ended an arranged marriage in Scotland, said: "I am acting for two others who tell me they have friends and relatives in the same position. There is an army of hundreds of young men and women out there being forced by this abuse into the trap of loveless unions."

Rani Atma, of the Asian Family Counselling Service in west London, said an arranged marriage was the only means of betrothal for most Muslims. She said that Mr Churchill was mistaken on several counts. "The coerced marriages are the ones we hear about. But 95 per cent of arranged marriages have the free consent of the parties and work well. Indian girls are now quite reluctant to come to Britain, because they would have to do cooking and cleaning themselves, which they have never done before. For young men, America is more attractive.

"There is not a huge influx of people getting married so that they can come and live here. There are pages and pages of advertisements for arranged marriages in the Asian papers in Britain showing that many more marriages are arranged within the British Asian community than with newcomers from the sub-continent."

Croat refugee completes studies



Graduation day: Gordana Duspara, 23, left, hugs her 14-year-old sister Irena after being awarded her English degree at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London (John O'Leary writes). Miss Duspara, a Croat, should have been graduating this summer from Sarajevo University, but was forced to flee by walking over a bridge into Croatia when her home village of Derventa was cut off by fighting. The village was later destroyed and her parents are now in Croatia. She was not the only student to escape the war in Bosnia and head for London: Sandra Sudi, a 25-year-old Serb, also escaped from Sarajevo last summer and joined the same English course. The two graduates did not know each other before arriving at the college. Both are waiting to hear whether they will be granted refugee status. Miss Sudi was about to start her final year at Sarajevo University when she left Bosnia. Her mother is still in the city, but she no longer knows where her father is. Both students have received support from the Bosnian Students' Appeal and have been living with college staff.

Truce broken, page 11

Leading lights of law take on Maastricht

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

TEAMS of Queen's counsel, including some of the biggest names at the Bar in the field of public law, will take their places today for the opening in the High Court of Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge to the government over the ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

David Pannick QC, 37, the most fashionable and one of the youngest of the silks at the administrative law Bar, has been instructed to lead the team for Lord Rees-Mogg which, with financial backing from Sir James Goldsmith, will argue that the statutory basis for ratification is "fatally flawed".

The government, they will say, is seeking to by-pass the sovereignty of Parliament by its use of the Royal Prerogative. They will argue that ratification of the treaty — which the government has agreed to delay until the outcome of the legal proceedings — is unlawful unless Parliament has approved the social policy protocol.

The application for leave to bring the judicial review proceedings last week was made by Leolin Price QC, with John McDonnell QC, Keith Lindblom and Jeremy Callman also in the team for Lord Rees-Mogg. The solicitors are the City firm Gouldens.

On the other side, for the government, the team is led by Sydney Kentridge QC, probably the most respected and experienced silk in the field, who argued successfully last week for the case to come on as quickly as possible and against delaying until August.

The line-up on the bench is Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld.

The case is expected to last for five days and then to go swiftly to the Court of Appeal and House of Lords. A final decision will not be possible before the autumn.

SELLING or BUYING SHARES?

Barclays makes it EASY!

Anyone can buy or sell shares at Barclays.

- Very competitive commission rates
- Any Barclays branch
- Experienced, reliable and fast service
- Same day dealing (before 4.00pm)
- Over 500,000 deals completed in 1992

Share Shop

Special offers until 1st October 1993.

Barclays Share Shop commission rates are exceptionally competitive and now, for a limited period, you can enjoy a reduced minimum commission rate – from only £12.50 for purchase or sale of shares in: Abbey National, British Gas, Barclays, TSB, BT fully paid and the new BT3 partly paid.

To use our Share Dealing services you simply come in, tell us what you want and we'll do the rest.

To sell. Just come in with your share certificate and proof of identity. We'll let you know the latest sale price.

To buy. All you do is ask us how to purchase on your behalf.

For same day dealing. Instruct us to buy or sell before 4.00pm and we'll secure the deal on the same day. A contract note confirming your deal will be sent within 48 hours.

Plus – in the Share Shop you and three other members of your family, with the same surname and address can combine your shareholding in the same company and only pay one commission charge when you sell.

Further information, free. To find out more about Barclays Share Shop or our other Share Dealing services call into any Barclays branch or phone us free on **0800 551177.**

BARCLAYS

BARCLAYS STOCKBROKERS LIMITED

Barclays Stockbrokers Limited. A member of The Securities and Futures Authority and the London Stock Exchange and a subsidiary of Barclays PLC.

Giant union flexes muscles on public-sector pay limit

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

UNISON, the new giant public-sector trade union, issues a warning today that it will "display the muscle" of its combined force of 1.4 million members in industrial action if the government tries to repeat its pay limit this year for public-sector workers.

Though trade union threats now rarely worry the government, ministers and their senior advisers accept that in the first year of its formation, Unison, now the biggest in Britain, is likely to want to demonstrate its arrival with strike action. They will seize on the union's statement as a firm declaration of intent.

The government is pleased with the success of its 1.5 per cent public-sector pay limit this year, though privately they accept many employees have seen their pay rise by much more through bonus, performance and other payments to which the limit did not apply. While no statement on public-sector pay is likely until the autumn Budget, the Treasury is likely to accept, at least in part, the urging of the CBI for changes to the pay of 5.7 million public-sector staff.

Though the Treasury is still wary of agreeing to the CBI's proposal for a zero increase in the public-sector pay bill, which would allow through efficiency increases for actual pay rises, it does look likely to agree to CBI suggestions that at least some pay review bodies no longer set pay awards but simply point to new directions such as increasing the spread of performance-related pay.

In advance of such moves, Unison, formed this month by a merger of the public employees' union Nupe, local government union Nalgo and health workers' Cohse, issues a public warning today.

Alan Jinkinson, Unison general secretary, says: "There are lots of people in Unison saying they want to show the muscle of 1.4 million. If we get this kind of policy again, there is no doubt whatsoever that we will display that muscle." Unison represents a large number of important workers in the public sector, including dustmen, water workers, nurses, gravediggers and local government computer operators. Action by such workers was at the heart of the 1978-9 "winter of discontent" that led to the Conservatives taking office.

Local government white-collar workers will today declare the result of their ballot on the government's 1.5 per cent pay offer. Ambulance workers are holding a similar ballot.

Mr Jinkinson's statement comes as the TUC speaks against any further public-sector pay restraint. Norman Willis, its general secretary, said of the 1.5 per cent limit: "The impact on morale and recruitment has been devastating."

School 'hit squads' to be rushed through

Continued from page 1

will answer directly to the education secretary, will take over the leadership of a school until it is capable of self-government or has to be closed. Such schools will be the only ones to opt out without a parental ballot.

Ofsted has 60 primary schools, 50 secondaries and 20 special schools on a register of those considered by inspectors to be at risk. Only the secondary schools will be inspected in the new school year, however.

Mr Forth said it was impossible to estimate how many schools might be handed over to education associations. "Most local authorities will not want to have any of their schools on a list of this kind, so we hope the numbers will be small," he said.

The search has already begun to find professionals willing and qualified to run the new associations. Mr Forth said he did not expect any difficulty in recruiting suitable candidates. "I think there are likely to be a lot of people with both the skills and the desire to help."

Ann Taylor, the Labour education spokesman, said: "We stand by our belief that the education associations can do nothing that a local authority cannot do already — and often will be doing — to turn round schools with difficulties. If the associations are going to move in this quickly, then it obviously is a hit-squad approach the government has in mind. Ministers are obviously prejudging the inspectors' reports."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said: "I think it is very frightening if they are going to rush this. We know that the speed with which people are moving towards grant-maintained status is declining quite markedly. The move to go rapidly towards education associations is designed to get as many schools as possible into [grant maintained] status."

New chapter, page 31

Dublin protests over select committee

By Edward Gorman, Ireland Correspondent

RELATIONS between Britain and Ireland worsened yesterday when Dick Spring, Dublin's foreign minister, gave a warning that Westminster should not go ahead with setting up a Commons select committee for Northern Ireland.

Affairs between the two countries have been on the slide for a month, a process accelerated by the apparent agreement reached between Unionists and John Major during the Maastricht votes last week. The offer of a select committee is widely believed to have been a key element in that agreement and is something Unionists have wanted for years.

Dublin remains suspicious of what it sees as an integrationist step which would be no help in the long run, and which would further alienate the nationalist community in the province.

Mr Spring said in a radio interview: "It would be unwise to start addressing this problem on a bit by bit basis. We've all felt that the only way to address the serious conflict in Northern Ireland is by bringing about an overall agreement ... which contains aspects and areas that would be acceptable to both communities."

This would have to involve compromise on all sides, Mr Spring said. "I don't think anything should be done in the meanwhile, for example the setting up of a select committee."



Spring: Opposes select committee for Ulster

Apology

In a report in *The Times* of June 1, we suggested that Anthony Steen, MP for South Hams, was one of the MPs most badly hit by losses at Lloyd's. We are now satisfied that that suggestion was entirely wrong. Whilst Anthony Steen is a name at Lloyd's, any losses which he has suffered are not substantial and are not significant within the terms of his overall financial position. We unreservedly apologise to Mr Steen for any suggestion to the contrary and, at his request, have agreed to pay a sum to charity to compensate for the embarrassment caused.

هكذا من الأصل

Kidney patients die as costly dialysis machines lie idle

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICE CORRESPONDENT

■ Hospital dialysis units are at full stretch everywhere except London. Figures bolster calls for a redistribution of resources

LONDON hospitals are allowing their kidney machines to stand idle for much of each week while patients with kidney failure are dying because they cannot get treatment.

Thirteen of the 16 hospitals that provide dialysis have spaces on their machines that are not being taken up. The hospitals say they do not have the resources to keep the machines running full-time.

In the four Thames regions, 921 patients are receiving hospital dialysis on 222 kidney machines. If all the machines were working full-time on a three-shift system they could be treating an extra 400 patients, over 40 per cent more than now. Sixty-eight machines are, in effect, being mothballed.

National estimates suggest that 80 patients per million population need treatment for kidney failure, compared with the 73 per million in the four Thames regions now receiving it. Treatment rates are higher in inner London, where the ethnic minorities suffer more kidney disease, but in outlying districts such as mid-Essex and Maidstone, Kent, drop as low as 20 per million.

The figures, given in the renal services review commissioned by the government following the Tomlinson report, provide powerful backing for the move to redistribute kidney dialysis units out of London. Professor Netar Mallick, chairman of the review, said that the underuse of kidney machines was inequitable, uneconomic and "almost unique" in Britain.

He told a recent meeting organised by the King's Fund Institute that in other parts of the country dialysis units were working at full stretch.

Each kidney machine can treat six patients if it is used six days a week on a standard three-shift system — morning, afternoon and evening. The patients attend three times a week for a session of four to six hours. There is no waiting list because patients who do not get immediate treatment die.

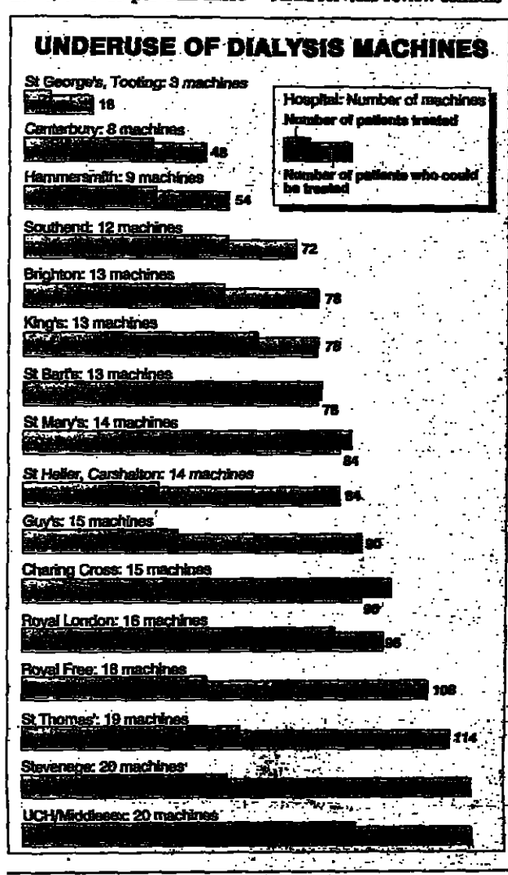
Professor David Kerr, former dean of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith hospital and a member of the review panel, said that GPs outside London were not referring patients for treatment because they were unaware it was available. "They allow the patients to die," he said.

The Hammersmith hospital, which is treating 35 patients compared with a possible 54, could take more patients if it had more resources. "Lack of finance is the sole reason why our machines are not being fully used," Professor Kerr said.

In Manchester, Linda Whitworth, renal services manager at the city's Royal Infirmary and a member of the review panel, said the hospital could not cope with demand. "Families come and beg us to get their relatives on to a machine. We can't take all. The rest must be dying."

☐ Waiting lists in London are growing by 20,000 a year, according to the pressure group London Health Emergency. It said the figures "give the lie to the myth that London has too many hospital beds".

UNDERUSE OF DIALYSIS MACHINES



Carthorse stages a comeback

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE great horses that provided the pulling power on most British farms until the second world war have become a valuable export commodity. They are also being put to work in parks and towns, 40 years after thousands were sent to the knacker's yard to make way for tractors and lorries.

Last week, a nine-year-old Shire gelding, Courage Vincent, was sold to an American buyer for £30,000 — the highest price yet paid for a carthorse.

Courage Vincent, which stands 18 hands (6ft) high and weighs a ton, had won every prize on offer in Britain. It will now be the star attraction at the New England Shire Center in East Plainfield, New Hampshire, run by Carl Moulton.

Mr Moulton said: "There is no other draught horse in the world that travels over the ground like he does. When he is in harness, the way he holds his head, the way he drives off his back legs into the front of his body and the way he picks his front feet — there are few other horses that even come close."

This week two Shires will be put to work in Richmond Park, southwest London, in a pilot project that could lead to more heavy horses in royal parks. They will be used to collect litter, transport winter feed for deer, remove fallen trees and harvest hay.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Thereby hangs the tail: Beverly Dowson grooms Annie, a 17.1 hands Shire

Sentences for rapists flout guidelines

BY ROBIN YOUNG

RAPISTS are almost three times as likely to be let off with "exceptionally light" sentences in Nottingham as they are in Leeds, while Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court gives more than half its convicted rapists less than the five-year minimum recommended by official judicial guidelines.

Those findings come from a survey of regional variations in rape sentencing carried out by Dr Paul Robertshaw, of Cardiff Law School.

Dr Robertshaw found that two fifths of all rape sentences were less than the five-year minimum recommended in the guidelines set out in 1986 by the then Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane. One tenth of the sentences were for less than three years, considered very low and only to be given in exceptional circumstances.

The survey, based on 1991 figures for all crown courts in England and Wales, will be shown on BBC1's *Panorama* tonight.

Under the guidelines, further factors such as violence or subjection to perversions should push the five-year minimum for rape to eight years, but mitigating factors could reduce the term.

Dr Robertshaw found that at Newcastle, the most lenient court, 52 per cent of rapists got less than five years. At Birmingham, 45 per cent received more than seven years, while Nottingham Crown Court was twice as likely to give a three-year sentence.

Hospital sent away ill tourist

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BRITISH holidaymaker who suffered serious back injuries when she was pushed into a pool by strangers on her first night in Rhodes was discharged from a Greek hospital without treatment by doctors who thought that she was drunk.

Louise Wild, 24, was later readmitted and spent five days on her back without food or proper medical attention before an air ambulance was arranged to bring her to Britain where the full extent of her injuries was discovered.

Miss Wild, a care assistant, was walking alongside a pool on her way back to her hotel room with her friend Diane Blades, 18, also from Hawes, North Yorkshire, when two strangers pushed them in.

Miss Wild was given an x-ray in hospital and sent away almost immediately in a taxi. "They just thought we were a couple of holidaymakers who had been messing around; in fact, we hadn't had any alcohol all night," said Miss Blades.

After being taken back to hospital by the tour representative, Miss Wild spent five days on her back until an air ambulance was arranged.

Her condition was described yesterday as satisfactory at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Raymond Dunk, Louise's stepfather, said: "The doctors say her legs will be all right. At the moment she cannot move her right arm and hand but the feeling is coming back gradually."

Mother takes boy's minder to court

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A MOTHER is launching an unprecedented High Court action today to seek compensation for her four-year-old child, who is alleged to have suffered permanent brain damage while in the care of a registered child minder.

Cora Dowling, of Ashford, Surrey, is suing Surrey County Council and Christine Walton, the child minder who looked after her son Thomas in 1989 when he was six months old.

Thomas now has impaired vision, behaviour problems and learning difficulties.

Mrs Walton was not charged with any criminal offence. Both she and the council deny negligence and are contesting the case.

Ms Dowling said yesterday: "I am not pursuing this action because criminal charges have not been brought. I am doing it for Thomas."

Thomas's mother sought the name of a child minder from Surrey social services. None was able to take Thomas. She contacted Mrs Walton after seeing an advertisement and then checked her with the social services.

Lawyers for Ms Dowling will argue that she was told there was no reason why Mrs Walton, who had her own lively toddler, should not look after Thomas. They will maintain that Mrs Walton's file had been amended to state that she should only look after one child at a time and that the child should be over two years old, but that Ms Dowling was not told of this.

Thomas was placed in her care on August 31, 1989. Two weeks later, Ms Dowling left him fit and well at 8.30am. At 1.45pm, she was called urgently to the local hospital because he was seriously ill. Thomas was transferred to Great Ormond Street hospital where he stayed for four weeks.

The action coincides with pressure on the Department of Health to consider guidelines prohibiting minders from smacking children.



High Court claim: Cora Dowling and Thomas

The bitter truth behind yoghurt

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MANUFACTURERS are profiting from the healthy image of natural yoghurt and fromage frais while luring children with heavily sweetened products, it is claimed today by Britain's leading independent consumer watchdog on food.

In its *Food Magazine*, the Food Commission says that of 20 leading products aimed at children, all contained forms of sugar that the health department is recommending should be reduced in the diet. Most contained more sugar than fruit, and colourings, thickeners, flavouring or preservatives.

Analysis showed that one 50g pot of Nestlé's Chambourcy Hippo Tots fromage frais contained the equivalent of four lumps of added sugar, nearly a fifth of the product's weight. Products designed to appeal to children from Eden Vale, St Ivel, Dairy Crest, Cow & Gate, Gervais, St Michael, Tesco and Sainsbury all had 5 to 15 per cent added sugars by weight. Plain yoghurt or fromage frais with two teaspoons of fresh strawberries would only have 0.6 per cent.

The researchers said that they could find no unsweetened plain yoghurt or fromage frais marketed for children and babies in any of the leading supermarket chains.



"Unlike me, my Rolex never needs a rest."

Wherever his travels may take him, Placido Domingo takes a series of green bound books. Into these he writes his engagements three years ahead; such are the demands of the major Opera Houses of the world on the man acclaimed as possibly the greatest living tenor.

Placido Domingo has committed some eighty different operatic roles to memory. He believes this daunting repertoire is necessary to attract the widest possible audience. For this is his ambition: to help more people, all over the world, enjoy and appreciate the music he loves.

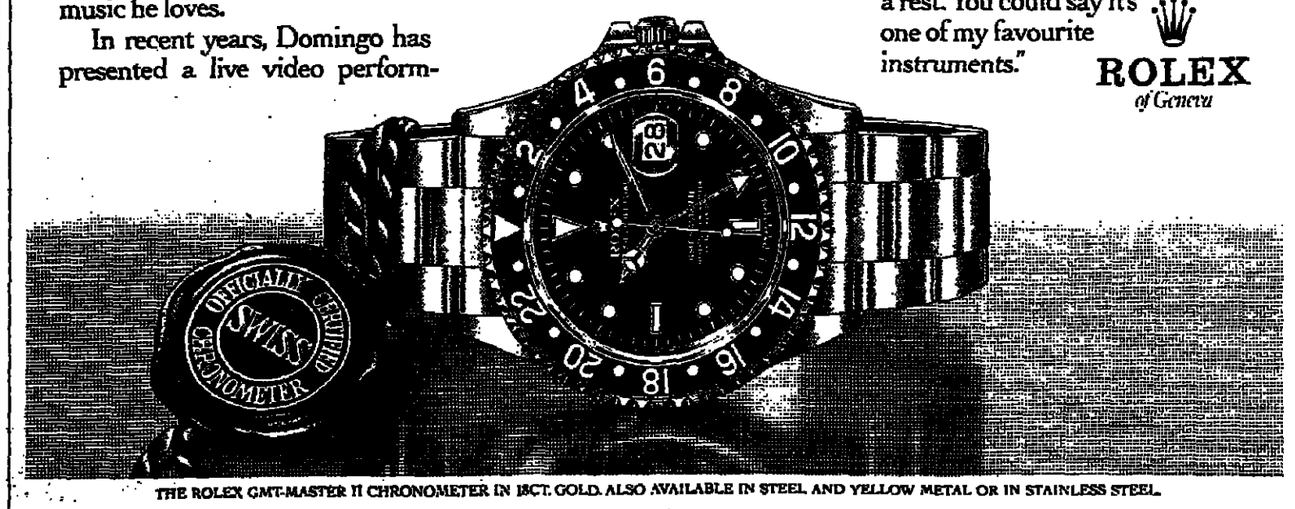
In recent years, Domingo has presented a live video performance of 'La Boheme' to an audience outside Covent Garden. He provoked a rapturous ovation in China (until then, Chinese audiences seldom even applauded). And a legendary curtain call in Barcelona lasted one hour and fifty minutes. "It would have been easier," Placido has said, "to sing the opera all over again".

Over and above this punishing schedule, Placido has sung many benefits, has been appointed President of the European Youth Opera, has appeared in films and videos, and has renewed his interest in conducting.

As a student at the Mexico City Conservatoire, this was his main study. Now Domingo can bring all the experience of his singing career to bear on his conducting. "The operatic conductor is like a Roman charioteer," he says. "He has a hundred horses on stage and a hundred horses in the pit. And he has to control them all."

To keep up with these ever-increasing demands on his time Placido Domingo, the Ambassador of Opera, relies on his Rolex. "This watch is perfect for me," he says, "because, unlike me, it never needs a rest. You could say it's one of my favourite instruments."

ROLEX of Geneva



THE ROLEX GMT-MASTER II CHRONOMETER IN 18CT. GOLD. ALSO AVAILABLE IN STEEL AND YELLOW METAL OR IN STAINLESS STEEL.

Only a select group of jewellers sell Rolex watches. For the address of your nearest Rolex jeweller, and for further information on the complete range of Rolex watches, write to: The Rolex Watch Company Limited, 3 Stratford Place, London W1N 0ER or telephone 071-629 6071.

JUST 10% DEPOSIT AND TAKE THE KEYS.

Why just take a holiday in Florida when you can own a bit of it?

From as little as £672.50 deposit and 48 monthly payments of £155.85 you could drive away our 1.0 litre, 3 door special edition 106 Key Largo.

Available in either Miami Blue or Laser Green it's finished with stylish decals.





On the other hand you could go for the 106 Key West. Available in 3 or 5 door versions, and with a 1.1 litre petrol or 1.4 litre 5 speed diesel engine, it comes in the same choice of colours as the Key Largo.

There's no choice about the cool colour keyed sunroof, however, that's fitted as standard.

Inside both cars feature colour co-ordinated trim with specially themed mats and attractive seat piping.

THE LITTLE CAR WITH A BIG HEART.

Last but not least all cars are fitted with an integral stereo radio/cassette.

EXAMPLE: 106 KEY LARGO	4 YEARS
ON THE ROAD PRICE**	£6,725.00
10% DEPOSIT	£672.50
AMOUNT FINANCED	£6,052.50
FINANCE CHARGES††	£1,481.18
TOTAL PAYABLE	£8,206.18
MONTHLY PAYMENT	£155.85
APR	11.8%

**Includes delivery to dealership, number plates and 12 months Road Fund Licence. ††Includes £52.88 administration fee payable with first instalment. †Written quotation available on request from your local Peugeot dealer. Offer subject to status (over 18's only). A guarantee may be required.

For more information call 0500 500 106. Or better still pop into your local Peugeot dealer.

Whichever Key you choose, at just 10% deposit (APR 11.8%) it will be cheaper than a snazzy suit from Miami Vice.

PEUGEOT

THE PEUGEOT PRICE *Assurance*

The Peugeot Price Assurance is our promise to you of a fairer way of doing business. With the introduction of our 1993 range of cars we reduced the new car profit margin available to our Dealers and prices were reduced. This means that the prices that you see are the prices you should pay; there is no need to haggle over discounts. From now on customers can buy their new Peugeot with confidence, knowing that they will have a fair deal.

THE NEW PEUGEOT 106 KEY LARGO AND KEY WEST SPECIAL EDITIONS.

EVERY NEW PEUGEOT CAR BENEFITS FROM THE PEUGEOT LIONCARE PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES 12 MONTHS UNLIMITED MILEAGE WARRANTY FOR PARTS LABOUR AND A 6 YEAR ANTI PERFORATION WARRANTY. PSA FINANCE PLC (LICENSED CREDIT BROKER), VERNON HOUSE, SICILIAN AVENUE, LONDON WC1A 2QQ. OFFER APPLIES TO ALL NEW 106 KEY WEST AND KEY LARGO CARS, PURCHASED AND REGISTERED BETWEEN JUNE 8 AND AUGUST 31 1993 FROM AN AUTHORISED PEUGEOT DEALER. APPLIES TO UK RESIDENTS ONLY EXCLUDING NATIONALLY NEGOTIATED FLEETS. MOTABILITY AND TAX FREE. PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

هكذا من الأصل

Met chief criticises proposals to reshape police forces as three of his officers are suspended

Condon threatens to quit in protest at reforms

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

As the home secretary prepares to meet critics of the Sheehy report, Whitehall emphasises no decisions have been made

BRITAIN'S top police officer said yesterday that he might not be able to continue in his post if ministers implemented the Sheehy enquiry's recommendations on pay and conditions in full.

Strong criticism by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, of key elements of the Sheehy report came as police representatives had talks with the Home Office in London.

The Association of Chief Police Officers, Police Superintendents' Association and Police Federation met officials in an attempt to find common ground on plans for a shake-up of police authorities and officers' pay and conditions.

Mr Condon condemned the enquiry, chaired by Sir Patrick Sheehy, for its failure to understand the motivation and nature of policing on the streets, and said that the proposals on pay and conditions threatened to undermine the office of constable. In a rebuke to Sir Patrick, who is chairman of BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services conglomerate, Mr Condon said police officers could not be treated like ordinary workers. "They are not counting beans or watching cigarettes coming off a production line."

Mr Condon told *The Observer*: "I would find it very difficult to be a well-paid commissioner, presiding over a demoralised, badly paid Metropolitan police." He said there would be a feeling that the chief officers had benefited, but the historic office of constable had been sold out.

With the government attempting to regain the political initiative on law and order, ministers will be anxious to keep up officers' morale and to avoid a confrontation. Many senior officers believe that the more far-reaching plans on pay and conditions will be watered down or abandoned.

The Police Federation said last night: "It is not just the federation that is unhappy with the Sheehy proposals. There is concern from the top to the bottom of the service."

Ministers had expected opposition to many of the Sheehy proposals, but the strength of the criticism has led Michael Howard, the home secretary, to emphasise that the goverment has not yet made any firm decisions.

Whitehall sources said yesterday that the proposals to introduce performance-related pay and fixed-term contracts and to end most overtime payments were not government recommendations. Consultation is about to begin, with the government expected to announce its plans in the autumn. One source said: "No one group will be allowed a veto on the outcome."

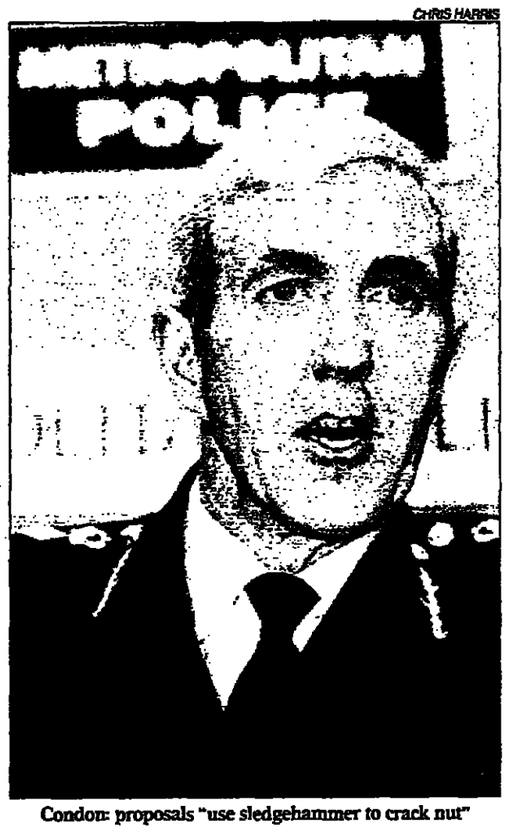
Mr Howard is to meet representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers at the Home Office tomorrow.

While many senior officers have backed Sheehy's proposals to streamline police forces' structure by reducing the number of middle-ranking posts, they say that the recommendations on pay and performance have alienated officers and threaten to undermine the quality of recruits.

Mr Condon said it was right to sack lazy police officers, but fixed-term contracts were a "sledgehammer to crack a nut" and risked discouraging officers from seeking promotion.

The rank-and-file condemned the proposals at an unprecedented rally attended by 23,000 officers at London's Wembley Arena last week.

CHRIS HARRIS



Condon: proposals "use sledgehammer to crack nut"

Yard investigates corruption claims

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is investigating claims of police corruption involving leaks of information. A uniformed sergeant at the top-security station at Paddington Green has resigned after suspension and two detective constables from SO11, the criminal intelligence branch, have been suspended.

A spokesman said yesterday that the investigation was into claims concerning the unauthorised disclosure of confidential information. Paddington Green in west London is where IRA suspects are interrogated and SO11 supplies information to all CID units, tracks important criminals and infiltrates underworld gangs.

The enquiry follows an investigation by senior Yard officers into suspicions that police information had reached private investigators. The two suspended officers are Det Con Brian Liddell and Det Con Larry Baldry.

The sergeant, George Napier, has completed 30 years' service and resigned when he was suspended last week. A Yard spokesman said: "An enquiry by the Complaints Investigation Bureau is taking place into allegations concerning the unauthorised disclosure of confidential information." He refused to make further comment.

Allegations of information leaks were made during an Old Bailey trial earlier this month when a police "supergrass", Maurice O'Mahoney, was acquitted of armed robbery charges. He claimed he had received information from within Scotland Yard.

The enquiry is an embarrassment to the Yard, where senior officers believe the endemic corruption of the late 1960s and 1970s has ended. There is as yet no evidence of wrongdoing on that scale.

Hundreds of officers were purged from the Metropolitan police in the 1970s in response to two big scandals. At the end of the enquiry in 1981, the then deputy commissioner, Patrick Kavanagh, said: "The Metropolitan police is more honest than it has ever been".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Third of bypasses postponed

More than a third of proposed bypasses have been postponed because of council money shortages and the government's focus on big schemes such as widening the M25 (Alan Hamilton writes).

The British Road Federation said 251 of the 704 bypasses proposed have start dates later than they had in 1991. A similar survey in 1991 showed that a fifth of schemes had been postponed.

Richard Diment, director of the federation, said: "Local authorities are finding it increasingly hard to even maintain their roads, let alone provide the bypasses communities need."

Letters, page 15

Alley wounding

Michael Gilmore, 43, was critically ill after an attacker severed an artery in his neck with a broken bottle or knife. The attack happened at 1am yesterday as he walked through an alley to his home in Edgware, northwest London.

Ferry rescue

A cross-Channel ferry rescued two Dutchmen who clung to the hull of their yacht for three hours after it capsized off Sussex during the Round Britain and Ireland Race.

Shock crash

Three joyriders who crashed into an electricity sub-station in Oxford narrowly escaped being electrocuted when the car stopped a foot from equipment carrying 11,000 volts.

Briton killed

Rachel Mortimer, 24, a nurse from Banbury, was among six people killed when a bus crashed in Thailand.

Bond winners

Premium bond winners: £100,000, number 19FZ 916840, winner lives in Fife (value of holding £3,759); £50,000, 4YS 162356, Warwickshire (£1,491); £25,000, 1CW 972437, Gwynedd (£223).

Quick-fire viewers switch off TV news

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION news programmes are watched by a small number of "news junkies", while the vast majority of viewers switch channels after the headlines, according to research published today.

The preliminary findings by David Graham Associates, the audience research consultancy, suggest that television schedules are saturated with news programmes.

Of a panel of 10,000 viewers during the week ending Friday July 9, an average of only 338 people watched BBC1's *Six O'Clock News* each day for five minutes or more and 272 watched the *Nine O'Clock News* for the same "extended" period. Channel 4's main 7pm bulletin kept the interest of only 72 of the panel for more than five minutes. On ITV, 321 viewers spent more than five minutes with *News at Ten*, but 46 per cent of those had already watched at least five minutes of a previous news programme.

The figures indicate that only a quarter of those officially recorded by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board as watching the news actually do so in a dedicated way, that is for five minutes or more.

The Barb figures, based on one minute's viewing, record an average audience of 6.24 million for *News at Ten* during the week in question, compared with about 1.6 million who watch for five minutes.

David Graham, who is now further researching news-watching patterns, said the results showed that the importance of television news programmes was vastly overrated. "Many viewers seem to treat TV news in a sort of tabloid way, only watching the headlines or concentrating on one or two stories before turning over. As the dedicated news viewers watch more than one prime-time bulletin, the core audience appears to be very narrow," he said.

Robot nose scents cattle sickness

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A ROBOT nose able to detect cows with bad breath is being developed by British engineers. The project might give scientific credence to old farmers' tales which claim a heifer's breath holds clues to her health.

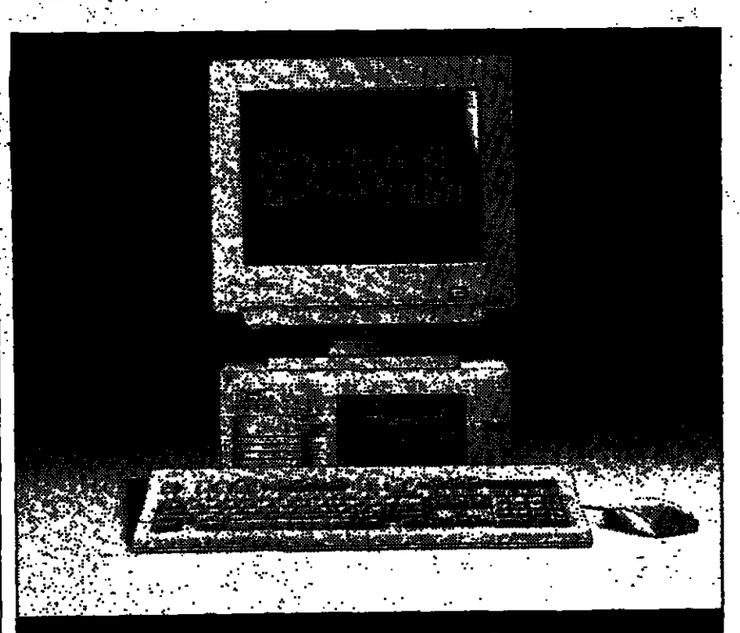
The research, which is being funded by the government's agriculture and food research council, is part of a wider trend towards automation involving everything from robot crop-pickers to machines that will automatically take cuttings from flowers.

Engineers at the council's Silsoe Research Institute have developed a robot milkmaid which can place a milking machine on udders. Institute researchers believe the robot nose could aid the system by detecting if cattle were getting a nutritious diet. Professor Philip Bartlett, of Southampton University, who is developing the nose with Warwick University, said: "Humans with diabetes can often have sweet-smelling breath. What we are trying to detect in cows is akin to that."

At the heart of the device, which it is hoped can be developed in three years, will be around 20 chemical sensors. The human nose has about 100 million sensors. The development follows the successful design of noses able to detect everything from truffles to fish freshness.

An automatic wallow-maker based around a water jet has been developed by the Cotswold Pig Development Company to help pigs avoid sunstroke now that more of the sensitive-skinned animals are being kept outside as part of the trend towards "natural" rearing methods.

ANOTHER DIMENSION FROM DELL. PEACE OF MIND.



£859+VAT
EXCLUDING DELIVERY

Dell Dimension 486/25S
- Intel® 486 SX 25MHz Processor
- 80Mb Hard Drive • 4Mb RAM
- 3.5" + 5.44Mb Floppy Drive
- Super VGA Colour Monitor
- UK Keyboard • Dell Mouse
- MS-DOS® 6.0 • Microsoft® Windows 3.1
- One years warranty, 'Collect and Return' Service
- Technical Support hotline 8.00am to 8.00pm, 5 days a week.

'Office Productivity Pack' Bundle
Dell Dimension 486/33S (Featuring Ultrascan 14" SVGA Colour Monitor, 120Mb Hard Drive, 4Mb RAM and 1Mb VRAM) Plus Microsoft Word, Excel and Access™ for Windows.
£1,199 +VAT
EXCLUDING DELIVERY

A reliable system that's simple to operate. At a low price with all the technological back-up of one of the world's leading computer companies just a phone call away. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Until you consider that the company is Dell.

A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION

The Dell Dimension – an outstanding new range of 486 computers – offers you a flexible choice of desktop and floorstanding systems. All of them high performers. All of them hallmarked with the quality you expect of Dell.

A BUNDLE OF QUALITY

We also realise the importance of getting down to work quickly. Hence, the Dell Dimension bundle. Our 'Office Productivity Pack' incorporates a Dell 486/33S computer packaged with award-winning Microsoft word-processing, spreadsheet and database management software.

CUSTOMER CONFIDENCE

Year in, year out, customer satisfaction surveys consistently put Dell first. That's because Dell put their customers first. Our technical support hotline, for instance, will address any query you might have throughout the working week. When you invest in Dell, peace of mind comes as standard.

intel inside

PUT DELL TO THE TEST

To find out how we can help you and your business, just call 0344 720000 till 8pm weekdays, 10-4 Saturdays.

DELL
0344 720000
For public sector enquiries 0344 720202
7176

Dell is a trademark of the Dell Computer Corporation 1992. Intel is a registered trademark of the Intel Corporation. All registered trademarks acknowledged. Prices correct at 21.7.93. Delivery is charged at £30+VAT. Dell Finance available for all business users.

Surveys indicate impending disaster for the Conservatives in Christchurch by-election

Tories wield heavyweights in attempt to salvage seat

■ The Liberal Democrats believe that a resounding defeat on Thursday may force the Tories to rethink VAT on fuel bills

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE biggest by-election swing against a sitting government since the war threatens to deprive the Conservatives of Christchurch and raise new questions about John Major's leadership, according to the latest opinion polls.

Two weekend surveys suggest that the Liberal Democrats are poised to overturn the Tories' 23,000 majority at the general election and return Diana Maddock to Westminster with a winning margin of about 15,000 votes.

The projected swing in the two polls, which averages out at 36 per cent, is bigger than the 28 per cent turnround in Newbury in May, which contributed to Norman Lamont's demise as Chancellor and helped to precipitate the air of crisis surrounding the government.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, who returns to Christchurch on Wednesday in a desperate attempt to shore up his party's crumbling vote, yesterday refused to accept defeat. He pointed to two other national opinion polls putting the Liberal Democrats in third place.

But Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat environment spokesman, said that the voters knew there was more at stake than a seat in Dorset. He predicted that a resounding government defeat might force a reappraisal of VAT on domestic fuel bills.

If the poll projections are correct, the size of the swing will be surpassed only by Mr Hughes's by-election triumph against Labour in Bermondsey in 1983.

An NOP survey in Christchurch of 768 people for *The Independent on Sunday* gave the Liberal Democrats 62 per cent, the Conservatives 31 per cent, Labour 5 per cent and others 2 per cent. This translates into a 35 per cent swing.

An ICM poll in the constituency of 500 people for the *Sunday Express* put the Liberal Democrats on 54 per cent, the Conservatives on 22 per cent, Labour on 7 per cent and others 17 per cent. The projected swing in this poll was 37 per cent, but the figures were clouded by the inclusion of an unofficial "Conservative candidate", campaigning for a change in electoral law to stop people standing for Parliament under a name including the title of one of the main parties.

Rob Hayward, the Tory candidate, also sought to brush off the latest findings. "One-off constituency polls have a very poor record of accuracy and, bearing that in mind, I am still going for every vote and intend to win."

Mrs Maddock said that she was not relying on the polls and appealed for the widest possible support. "This Thursday, the people of Christchurch and east Dorset can speak for Britain. The more decisive the vote the more powerful the message. Newbury changed the Chancellor, Christchurch can change his policies. VAT on fuel bills must come to an end."

Conservative campaigners plan to field Tony Newton, the Commons leader, Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, and William Waldegrave, the citizen's charter secretary, before Sir Norman winds up the campaign on Wednesday.

Some Tory MPs will be surprised by the decision to invite Sir Edward to address a party rally tonight in the light of his outspoken condemnation of the Maastricht rebels. While John Major is seeking to draw a line under the internal feuding over Europe, Sir Edward has said that the rebels will never be appeased and will never play fair.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, will speak at a party rally in the constituency tonight and host tomorrow's press conference

THE POLLS

in an attempt to consolidate his party's grip on the seat. Two national snapshots of opinion put Labour well ahead of the Conservatives, with the Liberal Democrats lying third. MORI for *The Sunday Times* gave Labour 44 per cent, the Tories 34 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 18 per cent. Gallup for *The Sunday Telegraph* put Labour on 46 per cent, the Tories on 31 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 20 per cent.

MORI also found that the Maastricht treaty would be more popular if it contained the social chapter, when support rose from 35 per cent of people to 44 per cent.

☐ 1992 general election: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

Major's troubles, page 1
William Rees-Mogg, page 14
Letters, page 15



On the final lap: Diana Maddock has a touch of the Majors about her campaigning, while Rob Hayward keeps his humour

Confident camp rehearses a cork-popping strategy

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

LIB-DEMS

ARRANGEMENTS for the Liberal Democrats' Christchurch by-election victory party are well advanced. With only three days to go until polling day, there is a palpably confident feel about the Liberal Democrat camp.

By late last week, tracking down convinced Conservative voters had become more difficult than at any stage in the campaign. There are only two camps that matter: definite Liberal Democrat voters and lifelong Tories still thinking about a protest. Politically, the constituency is unrecognisable from the contented bastion of Conservatism it was at the general election.

From day one of the campaign, the Tory candidate, Rob Hayward, an experienced and likable politician who has retained his good humour throughout, has been forced on the defensive by an unrelenting stream of bad news.

The tone of the Conservative campaign was set more than two weeks ago when Mr Hayward was assailed on his very first walkabout by a pensioner who announced to an appreciative crowd that she would never vote Tory again.

The issue of the day is undoubtedly VAT on fuel bills. Few measures could have been better calculated to alienate the comfortable but not wealthy retired vote. There is no disguising the anger felt.

For Diana Maddock, the Liberal Democrat candidate, VAT has been a gift. With the equivalent of about three Conservative own goals already on the scoreboard at the kick-off, her party needed to play only a boring, defensive game to win the match.

Her public performances have been uninspiring but safe; there is even a touch of the John Majors about her political style.

With a string of successes behind it, the Liberal Democrat by-election machine is now formidably smooth-running. In forlorn contrast, the Conservative battle bus is now a veteran of 13 by-election campaigns, not one of which has been won. Despite the cushion of a 23,000 majority, it does not seem to be a trend that is about to change.

Smith's big guns find nothing to aim at

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE weekend polls showing Labour on course to lose its deposit in Christchurch will have made depressing reading for the party's campaign team. The stark truth is that, for all the praise lavished on its candidate, the new-look Labour party appears to have made no inroads into the Tory vote and may see large chunks of its own support register a tactical vote for the Liberal Democrats.

This once peaceful and comfortable South Coast resort on the outskirts of Liberal Democrat-controlled Bournemouth is glaringly short of the kind of social deprivation that Labour thrives on. The constituency has, at 3 per cent, the lowest proportion of public housing in the country. Eight out of ten households are owner occupiers and car ownership per household is way above the national average. Racial minorities, usually a reliable source of Labour votes, make up just 0.6 per cent of the town's population.

At the time of Robert Adley's death in May, Labour had only a tiny presence in the constituency, but it has fought a high-profile campaign, far outstripping its lacklustre efforts in Newbury. Nigel Lickley, 32, a barrister, is one of Labour's brighter young candidates and the party has thrown just about every parliamentary big gun at the constituency, including John Smith and most of the shadow cabinet.

Ashdown's advance continues in Tory heartland

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Liberal Democrats have surged far ahead of the Tories in southwest England, which includes Christchurch in Dorset where the government faces defeat in the by-election on Thursday.

MORI polls conducted in April, May and June show the extent of the drop in Tory support not just in the South West but throughout rural constituencies in what is traditionally seen as the party's heartland.

The main beneficiaries have been the Liberal Democrats and their strong showing at the expense of both Tories and Labour is highly significant. This is the region where the party is best placed to win seats at the next general election following its victories last year, particularly in county council elections in May. In the three months to the

THE POLLS

end of June, the Liberal Democrats took 45 per cent of the vote in the South West, up from 29 per cent in the previous quarter. Tory support slipped from 37 to 32 per cent while Labour has been squeezed, dropping from 32 to 21 per cent.

At the general election, Tories won 43 per cent of votes in the region, compared with 30 per cent for the Liberal Democrats and 26 per cent for Labour. These figures amount to a swing of 10.5 per cent from the Tories to the Liberal Democrats in three months, and of 13 per cent since the general election.

In rural constituencies, which hold just under a fifth of the population, support for Paddy Ashdown's party has jumped 11 percentage points in the last quarter to 34 per cent. This is only just behind the Tories, who have 36 per cent. It is the first time the Liberal Democrats have been second and their best overall showing since this analysis was first made five years ago.

Support for the Liberal Democrats has risen nationally by six points during the last quarter, to 22 per cent. Overall, Labour remains well in the lead and is at least 11 points ahead of the Tories in every age group. Labour now leads among owner-occupiers — with 38 per cent against 35 per cent for the Tories — for the first time since the middle of 1990.

Among trade union members, Labour support has slipped from 58 to 54 per cent. The beneficiaries of this decline and a further drop in Tory support have been the Liberal Democrats, whose backing among union members has risen from 15 to 22 per cent.

☐ *A total of 5,754 adults were interviewed face-to-face between April and June. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Party support figures exclude people who said they would not vote (8 per cent), were undecided (6 per cent), or refused to name a party (2 per cent).*

Copyright: MORI

Major's task, page 14



Fowler: final attempt to shore up Tory vote



Hughes: believes more than seat is at stake

Grey power cares not for the message from Major

BY ROBERT WORCESTER

THE VOTERS

Grey power rules in Christchurch, OK? While across Britain as a whole, according to the 1991 census, 24 per cent of adults are of pensionable age, in Christchurch no fewer than 34 per cent are eligible to draw their pensions. Nearly half the Christchurch electorate is 55 or over. In past elections, the disproportionate share of the electorate represented by OAPs in Christchurch gave the late Robert Adley his 23,000 majority.

As one would expect in an elderly electorate, there are more women than men in the Christchurch constituency. Women live longer. That should help the Tories, as women are usually some 5-7 per cent more Tory than are their menfolk. It is a middle-class area too; over half are middle class in Christchurch whereas the nation is some 42 per cent middle class. That, too, should help the Tories. And in Christchurch, over three quarters, 78 per cent, live in owner-occupied homes, well above the 70 per cent national average. That, too, usually favours the Tories. And three in ten households in Christchurch boast two or more cars.

So why are the Tories in trouble in Christchurch, with the latest polls showing a huge Liberal Democrat lead and the pundits predicting a Liberal Democratic victory? And why is the Conservative party in trouble with its traditional strong supporter groups such as the elderly?

Over the past decade, since Margaret Thatcher recorded a 140-seat triumph in the 1983 general election, there has been a transformation in the balance of support for the Conservatives. As the graph shows, there has been a traditional tilt to the Conservatives that is known to everyone, that the older you get the more likely you are to support the Conservatives. And older voters pack a bigger punch at the voting booth. Among 18 24-year-olds, you are lucky to get as many as half turning out to vote; among old age pensioners, more than eight in ten cast their vote; and while only about 15 per cent of the electorate are between 18 and 24, a quarter are of pensionable age.

If the Liberal Democrats, which polled only 24 per cent in 1992, got a swing equal to MORI's latest national survey reported last month in *The Times*, the Tories could hold the seat at 48 per cent, to 39 per cent for the Lib Dems. But if the Newbury swing were to be replicated in Christchurch, it would be another triumph for Paddy Ashdown's party, with the Liberal Democrats taking a majority of the votes, 51 per cent, to the Tories' 35 per cent, on a near 28 per cent swing. That would reverse Mr Adley's 23,000-majority into a Liberal Democratic victory of about 10,000 on an 80 per cent turnout. That is unlikely despite polls showing an even greater swing, as some disaffected Tories will undoubtedly register their protest by staying at home next Thursday rather than actually defecting from the party.

Understandably, old age pensioners are twice as likely as the country as a whole to say that the pension is one of the most important issues facing the country, and they are a third more likely to say that crime, violence, vandalism and law and order are national problems.

Quality of life is determined by a number of factors, but when asked what are the "major problems facing you or your immediate family" in a MORI poll last month for *The Times*, two stood out: 38 per cent said that "mugging and vandalism" was worrying them, and 37 per cent said the state of their own health. The poll showed that in Britain generally the problem of mugging and vandalism was up by half since 1983, 33 per cent now compared with 21 per cent then, and health had risen from 14 per cent to 20 per cent across all age groups.

Grey heads are nearly as negative about the Tory government and John Major as is the rest of the country. Just 11 per cent of OAPs think the government is doing a good job of running the country, only a single point over the figure for all adults, and fewer than a quarter, 24 per cent, of OAPs rate that nice Mr Major as doing a good job today, compared with 19 per cent of the electorate as a whole.

One thing often overlooked is the "empathy vote", the feeling that someone cares, that a political leader understands your problems and is trying to do something about it. Every constituency MP knows the feeling. When we compare the image of the Conservative party at the time John Major took over as leader, we find that the factor that has dropped most among OAPs is that the party "looks after the interests of people like us". The Conservatives are in trouble in Christchurch.

Robert M. Worcester is chairman of MORI and Visiting Professor of Government at the LSE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CUSTOMERS

ST. CLEMENTS HIGH JUICE SQUASH 1½ LITRE RECTANGULAR PLASTIC BOTTLE

Barr Soft Drinks has today withdrawn stock of St. Clements *High Juice Orange Drink* dated May 94. (This is the only code affected). Whilst we are not aware of any injury to members of the public, a small quantity of the product which features natural fruit juice has fermented.

If you have purchased St. Clements recently, please check the code which appears on the cap, and if it is May 94 carefully release the cap, it may be under pressure due to fermentation, pour the contents away and return the empty bottle to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Affected product will show some discolouration, heavy bubbling, or a distorted bottle. If consumed it is unlikely to cause *harmful side effects.*

Barr soft drinks wishes to apologise for any inconvenience caused but where safety of our customers is concerned we feel we must act on the side of caution at all times.

Trade outlets stocking the products are being contacted.

Biographers find Einstein's reputation is only relative

Scientists must be human too



Peter Ackroyd suggests that revelations about Einstein's life may produce a more accurate image of a scientific genius and reflect the public's enlightened attitude towards emotions

The Times Essay



Einstein and Elsa: a disconcerting private life

There is always an appetite for the description of the private foibles or vices of famous men — artists and writers have suffered such attentions since the 17th century. But it does suggest something about the present public image of science that its practitioners are also now considered to have emotional lives, with the added, if unspoken, proviso that this may have had some effect upon their works. At least nobody believes any more that scientists such as Einstein are dispassionate or unemotional observers of an objective reality; they are, rather, seen as fallible human beings whose particular predilections or obsessions may well affect the nature and direction of their work.

They can at least take some comfort from the experience of other creative figures over the past 300 years. A substantial or justified reputation, like that of Albert Einstein, is never really damaged by the revelation of private weaknesses. The point is, after all, that great scientists are great because they transcend such things.

Einstein was revered as the embodiment of "the wise man" and "possessor of secret knowledge" who in his lifetime was afforded "semi-mythical status", writers report. It is fortunate, then, that his somewhat disconcerting private life also remained a secret. It says a great deal about the popular recognition of science that its most distinguished practitioners should need to be treated as magicians or alchemists. Yet no doubt there is a continuity between Paracelsus, Doctor Dee, Newton and Einstein; they are part of the same network of forces which holds the universe together.

Einstein was born in Germany in 1879, the son of a businessman. It might have seemed an unremarkable, if somewhat withdrawn, childhood were it not for the fact that, according to Einstein himself, here lay the origins of the theory of relativity. Highfield and Carter suggest that his juvenile reading of certain simple guides to science helped to form his later theories but, perhaps just as importantly, Einstein recognised that during his infancy he cultivated the sense of inner freedom and private detachment which eventually sent him in search of occluded and invisible "laws". It has more recently been suggested that a kind of muted schizophrenia accounted for his theoretical explanations of the universe — which, if nothing else, throws an interesting light on the now implausible belief that science is somehow an "objective" enquiry. It is also important to note his early passion both for philosophy and for music.

It is in this context that we can understand what White and Gribbin mean by "beautiful theories": this is, in fact, the precise adjective to describe what is taking place within the domain of scientific research. Science is essentially an aesthetic activity, with the purpose of introducing order and lucidity to otherwise inchoate material. There is no more need to believe in superstrings of black holes than there is to believe that the earth is flat and resting on the back of a tortoise. These are all simply elegant descriptions which happen to suit their time. There were once very great philosophers who saw fishes and horses among the constellations; it so happens we prefer to see white dwarfs and black holes.

At the age of 16, Einstein renounced both his German citizenship and his Jewish faith (how close he is in certain respects to that other great systematiser, Karl Marx). He seems to have been a confident if intractable youth and, although he managed to exude self-deprecatory modesty after he had become famous, he welcomed from an early age what Highfield and Carter call "the solitary destiny of the genius, surrounded by uncomprehending lesser beings".

That he was a genius is not really in doubt. The most extraordinary aspect of his achievement is the extent to which he was self-taught. When he formulated the theory of relativity, he was neither a graduate nor an academic — merely the product of a technical college who published his most revolutionary papers while working as a civil servant in the Patent Office at Bern. But if he was a genius, it was also because he was an artist. Throughout his life he sought for "universal principles", and understood that the universe might be recreated within a simple vision. He saw the structure of the world very much as Henry Vaughan saw Eternity as "a great ring of pure and endless light". Or, as White and Gribbin put it, Einstein had by himself "produced an entirely new way of visualising reality, backed up by rigorous mathematical formalism".

Of course, it was only one "way" among many others. The general theory of relativity may have been "proved" with such evidence as the period of the binary pulsar, but the concept of proof is always a difficult one. If a way of seeing alters that which we see, can we not expect the universe to take the shape we expect of it? The universe is infinitely extended and changed by the human imagination — people "really" are taken up in spaceships, or "really" see the Virgin Mary, just as astrophysicists "really" observe the bending of light according to Einstein's theories. In every case, the wish or expectation becomes father to the reality.

But Einstein's achievement was nevertheless extraordinary. It is given to few men or women to create so persuasive a myth that the whole world feels itself to be changed by it. That is why Einstein became a modern celebrity and why, according to one contemporary observer, "relativity had become a sovereign password". It had its detractors — anti-Semites in Germany denounced it as a "Jewish theory" — but its metaphysical authenticity was for a time so profound that not one field of human endeavour remained unaffected by it.

It was simple good fortune, however, that Einstein himself fitted so well the popular image of the abstracted and slightly batty scientist. Both of these new biographies, in particular that by Highfield and Carter, go to some length to reveal the actual human being behind the persona, and it is not at all surprising that he was not quite the lovable eccentric to whom the newspapers became addicted. But there was really nothing particularly ignoble or shocking about his private life — he had the temperament of an obsessive, with all its attendant failings. He may have mistreated his first wife, but in any case the energy which he brought to his intellectual pursuits spilt over into more general philandering. His great desire to remain unaffected by the more human problems of the world often made him seem indifferent or even chilly to his wives and children. But that is all.

It does become clear from both books, however, that Einstein was a man whose cerebral gifts were developed at the expense of his temperament and character. In essentials he remained a child, with all the egotism and selfishness that such thwarted development often encourages.

Perhaps in that sense, too, he is not an inaccurate model for science. The image of the absent-minded professor may now be exchanged for the wilful visionary whose visions will fade away.

☐ *Einstein: A Life in Science* by Michael White and John Gribbin (Simon and Schuster, £16.99) is published on August 26; *The Private Lives of Albert Einstein* by Roger Highfield and Paul Carter (Faber, £14.99) on September 6

Book claims wives were assaulted

By Daniel Johnson, Literary Editor

ALBERT Einstein, whose theory of relativity transformed modern physics, is under attack for having been a harsh father as well as unfaithful and violent towards both his wives, Mileva Maric and Elsa Löwenthal.

The allegations come in *The Private Lives of Albert Einstein* by Roger Highfield and Paul Carter, one of two biographies of the Nobel prizewinner published in the next few weeks. The authors have seen some new material, but claim that Einstein's executors are still blocking access to other papers.

Highfield and Carter depict Einstein as a cold and brutal man who obliged Mileva to give up for adoption their illegitimate daughter Lieserl, born in 1902, a year before their marriage. They claim that he hit Mileva in the face during a row over his affair with her rival and successor Elsa and that he inflicted emotional damage on both his sons by Mileva, Eduard and Hans Albert. He divorced Mileva in 1919.

The other biography, *Einstein* by John Gribbin and Michael White, is less critical, but argues that Einstein was so absorbed in his work that he tended to ignore the plight of those around him.

Unlike Highfield and Carter, however, Gribbin and White acknowledge the differing interpretations of Einstein's conduct among those who were close to him.

Despite the claim, made in yesterday's *Sunday Telegraph*, that Highfield and Carter "discovered" the existence of the illegitimate daughter Lieserl, this fact was reported in the *New York Times* in 1987, and last year the early love letters between Einstein and Mileva were published by Princeton University Press — letters which do not bear out the view of Einstein as a cold, even a cruel man.

Leading article, page 15

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Gamesmanship

AMONG examples of gamesmanship sent to *Championship Chess*, the following anecdote from David Latham of London is one of the most interesting, not least because of the exponent.

"When I was 18 I played Nigel Short, then 13, in a Bolton School v Manchester Grammar match. Soon after easily obtaining a winning position, young Nigel took from his pocket a rubbery, transparent object. He squished it around in little triangles after pouring a third of a glass of water on to his side of the table. I asked him what the object was, and to my horror he told me that it was the lens from a cow's eye, product of his biology lesson.

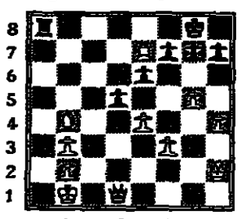
"I resigned about five moves later. The gambit had no bearing on the result of the game, but it might be worth resurrecting against Garry Kasparov: it would be cheaper than a parapsychologist."

The following sharp struggle was played in the 70-player Fide Interzonal, which continues in Switzerland this week.

White: A Frolov
Black: Alexei Shirov
Biel FIDE Interzonal 1993
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bc4	e6
7	Be3	Be7
8	Qe2	a6
9	0-0-0	Qc7
10	Bb3	0-0
11	g4	Nxd4
12	Rxd4	Nd7
13	g5	Nc5
14	h4	b5
15	f3	Rb8
16	Kb1	a5
17	a3	b4
18	axb4	axb4
19	Na2	Nxb3
20	cxb3	Qa5
21	Qh2	Bd7
22	Rc1	Ra8
23	Nxb4	d5
24	Bd2	Rib8
25	Rc7	Qb6
26	Rxd7	Qxd4
27	Rxe7	Rxb4
28	Bxb4	Qd1 checkmate

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Championship update:

Tickets for *The Times* championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short include a guaranteed seat, glass of champagne, souvenir programme, chess book and use of a personal Predict-a-move advanced computer game system fitted into every seat in the Savoy Theatre. Play is from 3.30pm to 9.30pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from September 7 to October 30. Adjourned games, if any, to which ticket holders will be admitted free of charge, will continue the following day at the Savoy Theatre at the same starting time.

Times readers booking a seat during July will also receive a voucher (worth about £30) for a lunch at Simpsons-in-the-Strand, the traditional home of chess in Britain. Ring First Call on 071 497 9977 for credit card bookings.

Winning Move, page 44



WHETHER you're talking unarmed combat training, or the cut and thrust of business life, we live in a competitive world. So, when the men and women of your staff choose to join the Volunteer Reserve Forces, they don't just receive thorough military training.

They're also encouraged to develop inherent skills. Like leadership, initiative and good old-fashioned common sense.

In the event of a national crisis, they'll be fully equipped to form a vital part of our defence forces.

In civilian life, they'll be better equipped to play a vital part in your business.

Ensuring that it not only survives, but also thrives.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE FORCES
Join us in a profitable partnership.

IN THE RUTHLESS WORLD OF BUSINESS SHOULDN'T YOUR STAFF BE TRAINED TO SURVIVE?

ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL EMPLOYERS' LIAISON COMMITTEE, DUKE OF YORK'S HQ, LONDON, SW3 4SE ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORIAL ARMY AND THE VOLUNTEER RESERVES OF THE ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL MARINES AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



Photographer Alice Springs

Michael Winner produces something refined, small scale and stylish.

I'm famous for a lot of things, but understatement isn't one of them.

So when Olympus requested *I* put one of their MJU cameras through its paces, *I* took one look and baulked.

I mean honestly. It wasn't even half the size of my hand rolled Havana.

"It would be alright for Miss Seagrove to slip into one of her handbags, but it's not what *I* call a camera", *I* said loudly.

With that, *I* was ready to get off to the launch party for my latest effort to save the nation's film industry, entitled 'Dirty Weekend'.

"But Michael..." whimpered the Olympus chaps, desperate to mollify me.

"Mr Winner..." *I* corrected, with a wag of the Winner finger.

"Mr Winner, it's got all you could ever want."

"You're telling ***me***, the most successful living British film director about cameras?" *I* snorted. "Where's the zoom, the fla..."

Bang on cue, said features appeared. Because, damn them, Olympus have cunningly hidden them away inside.

An auto-focus 35-70mm zoom. A built in flash with a whole range of modes (dread word). Even a self-timer (very handy *I* find).

"And how much are you intending to charge for this device?" *I* enquired.

"Er, £240."

"I'm not paying that", *I* told them. "It's not nearly enough."



OLYMPUS mju: ZOOM

Floods claim thousands of lives across subcontinent

Make

Floods claim thousands of lives across subcontinent

■ Millions of people are losing their homes and livelihoods as the waters continue to rise in Nepal, India and Bangladesh. Further monsoons are now being forecast

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI AND AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

THE DEATH toll from flooding in Nepal, one of the world's poorest and most inaccessible countries, is expected to reach at least 3,000 when reports reach Kathmandu, the capital, from outlying areas. The known tally yesterday was 1,600.

Relief agencies are unable to reach far beyond Kathmandu because roads are submerged. Thousands of people are homeless and entire villages have been swept away by mudslides. The damage to crops, homes, roads and bridges is a shattering blow to the economy.

The monsoons have taken a heavy toll throughout South Asia. In India, as many as seven million people are believed to be homeless. The northwest Indian farming state of Punjab has recorded more than 300 deaths from the worst flooding in decades. Widespread destruction of crops will push up food prices nationally.

Eastern and northeastern Indian states have also been battered. The death toll in India is more than 700, but is likely to rise substantially. Communications are in chaos throughout northern and eastern India, with the telephone service in Delhi collapsing as water swamps underground installations.

Electricity supplies are woefully inadequate because of breakdowns and heavy demand, and some areas of the capital were without power last week for 60 hours at a stretch. Areas of Calcutta are without running water because of damage to pumping gear.

The death toll in Bangladesh, half of which is under water, is put at 300. The country floods every monsoon, giving it some of the world's most fertile soil because of nutrients washed down from the Himalayas. Farmers regard this as one rare positive natural phenomenon in a nation often devastated by extreme weather.

The army was called out to help civilian rescue workers in Bangladesh yesterday. Heavy rains made thousands homeless and submerged six more districts east of Dhaka, the capital. Thunderstorms were expected to continue in the north and east. Eight districts in the north, including Kurigram, the worst affected, would be pounded by heavy downpours in the next 24 hours while other parts could receive more rainfall.

There have been reports of cholera in Punjab as sewers overflow and supplies of drinking water becomes contaminated. In Delhi, huge slum areas are under 3ft of water, forcing the poor to take to the pavements. There are scant government resources to help them and police drove back crowds demanding help from welfare agencies.

The Yamuna river in Delhi has far exceeded the official danger level and was expected to peak at around midnight last night. The army has evacuated 50,000 people from one vulnerable area.

Unity eludes bickering Burma rebels

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN MANERPLAW

THE rain is incessant and low-lying cloud covers the craggy forested hilltops as delegates from Burma's ethnic minorities and student and political factions trek to the wood-built hall at this jungle guerrilla headquarters where, for the first time, they are discussing a joint strategy against the ruling military junta in a single forum.

A veritable alphabet soup of acronyms is displayed on placards before each group outlawed by the ruthless State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) at this first congress of the Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB), an umbrella organisation of disparate forces opposing the generals.

The congress has been scheduled many times during the past four years, but postponed because of war or political infighting and now that it is being held it is almost too late. The restoration council is more firmly in the saddle than ever, and more strongly in control of civilians inside Burma and against the border insurgencies. Outside the hall, there are young uniformed soldiers, mostly Baptists, of the Karen National Union. The Burmese army is only eight miles away, its hilltop outposts in this Conradian landscape of muddy brown river, jungle and mountain mercifully obscured by mist.

General Bo Mya, 66, the Karen leader and chairman of the democratic alliance, with iron-grey hair and a field radio in a pouch depicting a Christian cross, takes his seat facing the delegates. The general, a veteran guerrilla leader who started his military career as a runner with the British behind-the-lines Force 136 in Japanese-occupied Burma in the second world war, believes the Almighty is assisting the Karen, though the territory they occupy continues to shrink.

The Burmese army has suspended military operations against the insurgents, instead directly attacking civilians, forcing them from their homes, making them work as slave labour on building roads and railways, and pressing them into the army as soldiers or arms porters — a tactic that has led to some of the minorities, such as the Kachins, to call on their leaders to get the best deal possible with the council.

The main business on hand at the congress has been a decision by the leadership of the Kachins, who live near the frontier of China, to enter secret talks with the council without the alliance itself. All the groupings must talk to the council, if at all, only through the umbrella organisation. Observers say the Kachin move could have a domino effect, and that events in Burma are at a watershed.

Four armed groups —, the Wa, Pao-O, Shan and Paluang — have made deals to stop fighting and recognise the junta's overall authority to be left in relative peace. "In other words, they surrendered," an observer said. "The heart seems to be going out of the struggle." General Bo Mya professes not to be worried that the 12,000 Karen fighting force, now bogged down in trenches — in the current monsoon season it is like the Somme — might not be able to stand up to the 300,000-member revolutionary council army on its own, if the Kachins, the second strongest group, prolong their ceasefire with the council and opt out of the fight. "The force that wins does not depend on numbers," General Bo Mya said in an interview. "The thing is to be on the right side. If you refer to the Bible, you will see that."

Is there a possibility the council will launch a dry-season offensive against Manerplaw later this year? "Even if they want to fight in the dry season, they will not attack Manerplaw because God will not permit them," the general said. This is not much of a strategy for fighting the Tatmadaw, one of the world's most ruthless armies.

The Kachins may be protesting, and their more democratic and educated leadership responding, but if the Karen are, you do not hear about it: General Bo Mya is no democrat and runs rather a tight ship.

Visitors who make the trip by boat here down the rapids and eddying currents of the treacherous Salween, where locals say they frequently see the mutilated bodies of press-ganged arms porters butchered by the council, are not able to meet the people referred to here as "Jungle Karen", and even if they did would be unlikely to hear their true feelings.

The Karen, the general asserts, are ready to fight to the last man. But to the last leader? Ironically, the homes of many leaders, including the general's own, are across the Moei river at Pwe Ba Lu village in Thailand, where there is a high school and hospital, or at the town of Mae Sot, where many have business interests such as saw-mills.

"At the weekend, all the leaders go to their houses in Thailand, enjoy comfortable lifestyles and watch videos," said one regular visitor. "It's a five-day-a-week war here, perhaps understandable after more than 40 years. But if the Burmese army comes they have somewhere to go. The majority of Karens, not welcome in Thailand, will have to stay and face the music."



Out of favour: deported Burmese refugees leaving Thailand at the weekend

Bed and bawdy tempt India

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

STILL faithful to its colonial sexual legacy, India is quaintly prim: girlie magazines stop a long way short of nudity, and film producers know the clinging wet sari represents the outer limit of official tolerance.

But changes are afoot. A few glossy magazines show topless women; homosexuals are allowed to distribute their own journal, called the *Bombay Dost* (friend); and young educated girls increasingly reject arranged marriages. Now a new survey says many women have sex before marriage.

The Bombay-based *Femina* magazine, India's leading women's journal, discovered that while most wives are faithful, nearly a quarter were not virgins on their wedding day. A poll among readers conducted by the Indian Market Research Bureau was designed to find out why Indian women would want to marry now cultural values had "changed radically".

Whether those values have changed radically for most women is arguable. City women are often, but not necessarily, liberated in the Western sense, but rural India remains rooted in conservatism and tradition. Any village girl who has lost her virginity would find her marriage prospects seriously diminished.

Traditional values are particularly strong among Muslims, although there are stirrings of change. A group of Muslim women in Delhi has asked the All India Muslim Personal Law Board to declare invalid the "triple *talaq*" — where a husband dumps an unwanted wife by declaring three times: "I divorce you." This has brought protests from conservative clerics outraged by what is seen as a challenge to tradition.

The *Femina* survey pointed to a sense of propriety even among its readers, who are predominantly educated and well off; only 7 per cent admitted to an extramarital affair, although 23 per cent had sex before marriage.



Castro takes first step to market economy

■ The beleaguered Cuban dictator seems ready to abandon the insularity of three decades' ideological purity for a pragmatic policy that promotes the mighty dollar

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT Castro is preparing legislation to allow private citizens to possess American dollars, until now a serious crime, in what experts say is a decision that places the future of Cuba's centrally planned communist economic policy at a watershed.

The details of what Cuba analysts are calling "dollarisation" could be announced today when Dr Castro is due to make a speech on the 40th anniversary of the famous Moncada barracks attack, the spark that ignited the Cuban revolution.

Cuba watchers are predicting that other economic reforms are imminent and Dr Castro is set upon a path towards a mixed economy. "Castro has bitten the bullet. There is a momentum of change building," Wayne Smith, a Cuba expert at the Centre for International Policy in Washington, said. Others see the move as a trick to attract Cuban exile dollars while political and economic controls remain intact.

Economists say the policy shift was inevitable. Cuba was in the grip of a 30-year American trade embargo when its communist trading partners in Eastern Europe were swept away and subsidies from the former Soviet Union dried up. The economy has been in a nose dive ever since, and only Cuba's billion-dollar exports of sugar were keeping the economy afloat. When the sugar harvest also collapsed this spring, with production falling from seven million tons in 1992 to only 4.2 million, reform became unavoidable. Facing shortages of everything from food and toilet paper to engine spare parts, experts say official resistance to economic reform dissolved in the face of fears of starvation and public unrest.

Dollars have been seeping into Cuba's informal economy via foreign tourists and exile remittances, fuelling a rampant black market. The new dollar policy is in part a recognition of the government's inability to control the black market. Cuban officials calculate that by legalising the dollar they will soak up black-market currency, providing extra cash for state coffers.

The measure is certain to cause dissension in Cuba, where orthodox revolutionary ideologues feel betrayed by a decision which will create a new privileged class of Cuban residents with generous relatives in Miami. Ironically, families loyal to the revolution with no source of dollars will be handicapped.

Last week Amado Blanco, vice-president of the Cuban national bank, had defended lifting the dollar ban with words unlikely to smooth ruffled feathers of hardliners in Havana. "Look, in all countries there are classes, some are rich and others are left out. So what? That is how things are," he said.

Arturo Villar, a Miami business consultant who travels frequently to Havana, said last night: "This is capitalism, there's no ifs or buts about it. They don't want to call it capitalism. But they have already thrown up their hands and said socialism doesn't work, egalitarianism doesn't function."

As analysts of Cuban affairs scramble to interpret the significance of the most dramatic policy shift on the island in recent years, it remains unclear exactly what form the measure is to be introduced. Will Cubans be allowed to trade freely in dollars or will the state maintain bureaucratic controls that would require holders of dollars to convert them into local pesos at a fixed exchange rate? The black market rate has leapt recently to 60 for a dollar, while the official value remains one peso for one dollar.

Cuban exiles already send dollars to relatives in the island through a government system which converts the American currency at a rate of 25 pesos to the dollar, providing the cash-strapped government with a useful source of hard currency. Last year it is estimated that the flow of remittances amounted to $300 million. Some experts in Miami say Cuba's new dollar policy could encourage exiles to send up to $1 billion a year.



Castro: biting the bullet after 30-year embargo

Zulus' cause gains royal assent

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN SOWETO

MANGOSUTHU Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, played the royal card yesterday to promote his vision of the new South Africa. He did so by persuading King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus to address an *imbizo*, a gathering of the Zulu nation, in Soweto, deep in the rival African National Congress's territory.

Chief Buthelezi is fighting a fierce battle against the South African government and the ANC to prevent them overwhelming his party, his nominally self-governing homeland and the strongly federal constitution that he advocates.

The *imbizo* was held on the eve of publication today of a highly significant document at the multiparty constitutional talks, which Inkatha and KwaZulu are boycotting at present. The document will outline in some detail the constitution under which it is proposed to govern South Africa after next year's all-race elections for an assembly and until that assembly draws up a final constitution.

By holding an *imbizo*, Chief Buthelezi now claims to speak for the entire Zulu nation. There are seven million Zulus, mainly in Natal but also thickly spread in commercial and industrial areas of South Africa. His claim is challenged by the ANC, which maintains that it has many Zulus supporters and would have many more if they were not terrorised into toeing the Inkatha line.

As many as 50,000 Zulus, most of them clutching knobkerries, sharpened sticks and miniature cowhide shields, filled the Soweto stadium, singing and cheering and interrupting the king with shouts of *bayete* ("you are great"). Some of them carried more dangerous "cultural weapons" such as assegais, and at least one man had a shotgun, despite the organisers having agreed not to test police patience by bringing firearms into the stadium. Many of the crowd were bare-chested and wore leopard-skin headbands.

The police were active on the fringes of the gathering, directing traffic or observing the crowd from on top of their armoured vehicles. Police helicopters circled the stadium from time to time, their engines drowning many speakers' words.

Much care evidently had gone into the organisation of the meeting. Buses from as far away as Port Shepstone on the Natal coast 60 miles south of Durban were parked densely on the outskirts of the stadium complex. Scores of buses came from the hills and valleys of KwaZulu, and many more from the hostels in the black townships of Johannesburg and the Witwatersrand. King Goodwill, wearing a finely cut charcoal-grey suit with a silk tie and matching pocket handkerchief, laid out what seem to be distinctly new terms for a return by the Zulu organisations to the negotiating table. Watched by the third of his five queens, resplendent in a scarlet jacket and skirt with matching cartwheel straw hat, the king told his audience: "There is as yet no agreement from the ANC that the KwaZulu government will continue in the autonomy that existing legislation gives it until a new constitutional dispensation which pleases KwaZulu has been agreed." That, he added, "justifies my fears that there are plans to emasculate the Zulu nation".

Breaking into English in the middle of a long speech delivered mainly in Zulu, he said: "I need absolute assurances that the present leadership of the ANC will renounce all intentions to rob the Zulu people of their right to shape their own destiny. We say that no KwaZulu boundary, no KwaZulu power, no KwaZulu structure will be changed except by the moves that we as Zulus make. We will decide how we are to go forward into the new South Africa and only then will decide what kind of a new South Africa we are prepared to enter."

Chief Buthelezi followed the king to the microphone and emphasised his right to speak for the Zulu people as the king's hereditary prime minister. "I was born to lead," he insisted, "and I was elected to lead." The king and his minister rejected the notion, which has been propounded in local reports, that the latter is using the former as a political puppet.

Both speeches emphasised the number of Inkatha victims who have died in recent violence in Natal, and especially on the Witwatersrand. The KwaZulu chief minister insisted that the ANC was "this very moment venting their aggression out on the Zulu people in their bid to wrest control from the South African government".

The tone of the speeches holds out little hope that the Inkatha Freedom Party and the KwaZulu government will make a speedy return to the multiparty talks, even although the new constitutional proposals to be published today may well go a long way towards meeting their demands for a strong regional dispensation.

Ben Ngubane, who leads the KwaZulu government delegation at the talks, said yesterday that no decision had been taken yet and that a meeting to discuss the new document would be held in Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, later today.

The ANC responded yesterday to the Inkatha leader's identification of his point of view with that of the Zulu nation by summoning a mass meeting of their own to be held in Durban in September. They will also invite King Goodwill to address the assembly alongside Nelson Mandela, the president of the ANC.

"The point of the rally is to put to rest the myth that Zulus only support a confederal system and do not want a constituent assembly," Jeff Radebe, the chairman of the ANC in southern Natal, said.



Pause for thought: one of the 50,000 Zulus who gathered in Soweto to hear their king and his chief minister insist that their future will be of their own choosing, not that of the ANC or the government

NEWS IN BRIEF

US attack puts Iraq deal in jeopardy

Jerusalem: Hopes of a breakthrough between Iraq and UN inspectors over two missile test sites near Baghdad were overshadowed at the weekend by reports of a fresh confrontion between American warplanes and an Iraqi anti-aircraft position (Richard Beeston writes).

According to the Pentagon, a US Air Force F4G "Wild Weasel" fired a missile at the Iraqi battery in the southern "no-fly zone" late on Saturday after the Iraqis locked their radar onto the aircraft and later fired a missile. In Baghdad, the authorities denied that their ground forces had used radar to track American aircraft or that a missile had been fired, and even contested US claims that its ground forces had come under attack.

Whatever the truth, the incident did not bode well for the work of three UN weapons inspectors, led by Bill Eckert, who arrived in Baghdad yesterday to put into effect a compromise to end the crisis between Iraq and the UN over missile-testing verification. Mr Eckert said the Iraqis had told him they would comply with last week's inspection agreement.

Children die

Washington: Mississippi floods claimed six more lives, including four children who drowned while exploring a cave near St Louis, Missouri. One 13-year old boy survived the flooding and was rescued on Saturday after clinging to a ledge for 15 hours.

Church dispute

Manila: A dispute between the Philippines government and the Roman Catholic Church deepened at the weekend when church leaders said that they would oppose President Ramos's order to promote all methods of birth control except abortion.

Mayor to quit

New York: Coleman Young, one of America's most revered and outspoken black political leaders, will not seek re-election for a sixth term as mayor of Detroit after 20 years in office. Mr Young, a former union organiser and state senator, is 75.

Talks fail

Taipei: Taiwan and South Korea, disagreeing over key issues including the employment of foreigners in Taiwan, cancelled signing a pact to restore unofficial ties that were broken off when Seoul switched its recognition to Peking last August. *(Reuter)*

Coronation joy

Kampala: Ugandans danced to drums to mark the start of a week of celebration for the coronation next Saturday of Prince Ronald Mutebi, 37, as the 36th *kabaka* (king) of Buganda, nearly 25 years after King Freddy, his father, died in exile. *(Reuter)*

Policemen arrested over murders of Rio street children go free

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

■ Eight children gunned down in Rio are the latest victims of "death squads" that have killed more than 4,600 street children. The government is under pressure to act

WHILE Brazilian politicians and bishops yesterday condemned the murders of eight street children, indiscriminately shot by an "extermination squad" in central Rio de Janeiro, three military policemen detained in connection with the killings were freed.

The police officers had been arrested and accused of being part of a vigilante group which is suspected of killing 25 street children in the past two weeks. The officers were identified by children who survived Friday's dawn attack, when they claim a car swerved into one of Rio's central squares and five men got out and shot at the crowd of children who, like thousands of others in the city, were sleeping on the pavement under cardboard boxes.

"There were about 30 of us," said Marcelo, a 14-year-old boy, speaking to a Brazilian television station. "A man in dark glasses leant over us and offered a plate of soup. But instead of soup he got out a gun.

"Another four men emerged from a car and started shooting. Most of us ran, but some didn't react as quickly and I saw them being shot in the head and then just lying in pools of blood.

"I recognised three of the men because they came to the square the day before and threatened us," the boy added.

President Franco condemned the killings of the children, who were mostly between eight and 12 years old, and whose bodies were left lying by the Calendeira church in the square. "Like all Brazilian people, I am horrified by the murders," he said. Brazilian bishops also spoke out against the attack.

The president promised that his government would investigate the killings of street children by so-called "death squads". He will meet cabinet ministers today to discuss the country's street children, an official said yesterday. The planned meeting between President Franco and his ministers of justice, education and welfare, reflects a surge in public debate over what to do about the armies of homeless children.

The three officers, Jose Da Penha, Marcos Antonio Teixeira and Marcos Antonio Pereira, were released and had charges dropped because four of the dozen children who testified were unable to recognise them. The children claim the killings were a revenge attack for them stoning a police car the day before, after officers had tried to remove pots of glue they were sniffing.

Superintendent Nildo Augusto Batista, in charge of the investigation, said: "These children are all too excited and unreliable to provide safe evidence."

Human rights groups accused the local authorities of trying to cover up the fact that members of the security forces are involved in the "extermination groups", which are allegedly funded by local businessmen to clear Rio's streets of the thousands of street children. The youngsters are associated with rising street crime and are often used as drug-runners for local cocaine barons.

"It's a lucrative business, this killing. Low-paid policemen get money for their after-hours work to clean the streets," alleged Paulo Mello, a member of congress who last year led a parliamentary commission to investigate child killings in Brazil.

"The massacres are done in the name of ridding Rio of its dire street-crime problem," said Senhor Mello, who called on the government last week to clean up Rio's police force.

More than 4,600 children have been killed throughout Brazil in the past three years, according to a government study. Most of the killings take place in Rio, where 3,000 children sleep on the streets and at least 50,000 beg, or run errands in the city.

So far this year, 320 street children have been victims of the death squads, who dump bodies in mass open graves and rivers, or just leave them on roadsides. "The killings are something which people have become used to. Many people even believe the children are not really human, saying they were born to steal," said Senhor Mello.

In spite of the huge numbers of children murdered, there have never been any convictions for the killings. A newspaper, *O Dia*, disclosed last week that 146 members of the military police and former police officers had been accused of belonging to the death squads, but investigations had been suspended every time. The clandestine vigilante groups were first formed in the 1960s, during the military dictatorship in Brazil, to clamp down on "immorality and criminality".

O Dia published the names of the officers accused of belonging to the sinister groups and claimed that 46 of them are still in active service.

Clinton ally asserts his innocence

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

DAN Rostenkowski, the senior Democratic congressman at the centre of a politically damaging embezzlement scandal, broke his silence at the weekend to claim that he had "committed no crime".

Rostenkowski, chairman of the House ways and means of committee and one of President Clinton's closest allies, called a press conference on Saturday to proclaim his innocence in the so-called House Post Office scandal, which has been building up for over a year. It came to a head last week when Robert Rota, a former postmaster, pleaded guilty to corruption charges, allegedly implicating two congressmen in embezzlement.

It has been widely leaked by officials that one of the two men implicated, referred to as "Congressman A", is Mr Rostenkowski. At his news conference the Chicago Democrat called the allegations "unfair, false and baseless".

Mr Rota had pleaded guilty to charges that he helped two congressmen to embezzle about $30,000 (£20,000) by exchanging stamps and vouchers, to which every congressman is legally entitled, for cash. A criminal investigation into Mr Rostenkowski's affairs has been under way for some time, without result so far.

Christopher warns China over nuclear shipment

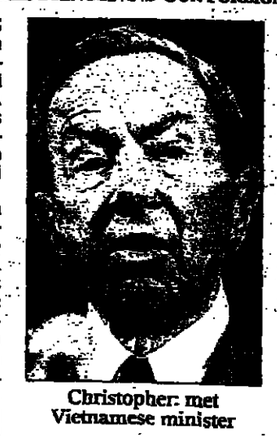
BY JAMES PRINGLE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WARREN Christopher, US Secretary of State, told Qian Qichen, China's foreign minister, yesterday that the US had "disturbing evidence" China had made shipments of parts for medium-range missiles — possibly nuclear-capable — to Pakistan, a senior US official said in Singapore.

While the 80-minute session seemed to have been a forthright initial encounter between the two men, China otherwise has embarked on a charm offensive to assure the six members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) meeting in Singapore that China's intentions in the region are peaceful. Dismissing "the so-called China threat", Mr Qian said that although China was a big country, it would not threaten or bully anyone.

An airport China built in the Paracel Islands, north of the disputed Spratlys in the South China Sea, was for non-military purposes. "We would like to improve the transport situation there," he said, adding: "It has nothing to do with military bases or military preparations."

Mr Christopher also met Nguyen Manh Cam, the Vietnamese foreign minister, the first time foreign ministers of the two nations have met since the end of the Vietnam war in 1975. Witnesses said that Mr Christopher held informal talks with Mr Cam at a working dinner after the Asean meeting. Mr Christopher is due to hold formal talks with Mr Cam tomorrow, but American officials said that was not linked to normalising US-Vietnam relations, but rather to press the American need for more co-operation on tracing US prisoners of war and servicemen missing in action during the war. There are 2,253 cases of troops missing in action still pending.



Christopher: met Vietnamese minister

The meetings take place at a time of improving relations between the two sides. Washington said this month it would no longer block multilateral loans to Vietnam and would station State Department staff in Hanoi.

The Americans seem to have softened their stand on Khmer Rouge participation in the Cambodian government which emerged from recent elections, and would not stand in the way of financial assistance in certain conditions. These were that the Khmer Rouge accept the 1990 Paris peace accords and that the Maoist group would not have direct access to such foreign aid.

"The future of Cambodia, the future of the Cambodian government, is up to the Cambodian people and their elected representatives to decide," a US official said. "It is not up to the United States to work this out."

Last week Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian head of state, dropped plans to offer the Khmer Rouge a role in government or army, saying his country could not withstand US pressure.

Anfrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, described Moscow's changed role in Asia. "The main symbols of our presence here will be freighters instead of missile cruisers and joint ventures instead of nuclear submarines," he said.



هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الإصل

Entente brightens Major-Mitterrand summit



Mitterrand: striving for European identity

*With the franc under heavy fire from speculators, enthusiasm for Maastricht is not much stronger now in France than in Britain, **Charles Bremner** writes*

MUTUAL commiseration will be the order of the day when the battered leaders of France and Britain meet in London today for talks that will allow them to survey the unusual harmony that has settled of late on cross-Channel relations.

With the franc under fire and patience wearing thin on both ends of the Franco-German currency link, enthusiasm for the Maastricht treaty is not much stronger these days in France than in Britain. John Major's pyrrhic victory last week was seen by the Gaullist-led government of Edouard Balladur as further evidence that the shine has gone from the ideal of European union. The European Community's impotence in Bosnia, differences over agriculture and trade and now the exchange-rate mechanism troubles have shown, as *Le Monde* said yesterday, that "Europe seems to have given up part of the Maastricht dream even before the treaty takes effect".

President Mitterrand may remain a champion of the federalist ideal, but Edouard Balladur's conservative team shares something of the pragmatic outlook of the Tories' pro-Europeans. At the weekend, Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and presidential contender, belatedly affirmed his commitment to Europe and the monetary system without the same degree of conviction as Mr Major's statements early last September. The monetary onslaught of the past fortnight has been fuelled by suspicions that M Chirac could give his blessing to French withdrawal from the ERM.

Gaullist MPs are eyeing Britain's withdrawal as a model for accelerating France's escape from a deepening recession and unemployment that soon is expected to reach 12 per cent. Politicians and media commentators are also presenting the run on the franc as the work of the "Anglo-Saxons" who dominate the international financial markets.

President Mitterrand and M Balladur are bringing eight ministers for what they are calling a "joint cabinet meeting" with Mr Major and his team, the first such formal session since a 1991 gathering in Dunkirk. France's odd position of power-sharing between a president and a politically opposed prime minister means that Mr Major will start by holding separate sessions with each at Downing Street.

Mr Major and France's tandem bosses can congratulate one another on the rapprochement between the two old European powers in foreign affairs and defence. They have exploited their common ground as Western Europe's two nuclear powers and permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Over Bosnia, Paris is delighted that London has eschewed its usual pro-American instincts in favour of unity with France, and Britain is happy with a new-found French interest in military co-operation, a process that started under the last, Socialist, government. The joint project to build the *Horizon* frigate and the possibility of holding joint exercises are being hailed as symbols of the new entente.

In Paris and London, officials are talking of a more "triangular" Europe in which the old Bonn-Paris alliance is complemented by stronger links to Britain. However, conflicts of interest that go back centuries mean that there are limits to the new rapport.

The two sides will spend much of their time today on their differing approaches to the way the Community should handle trade and agricultural policy. M Mitterrand's spokesman says Paris hopes "to obtain from the British some movement towards French thinking on the Blair House accord and reinforcing European identity".

This is shorthand for France's determination, not shared by other member states, to renegotiate last winter's agreement with the Bush administration on farm trade and to raise higher barriers to cheap imports from outside the Community. Britain and Germany believe renegotiation with Washington would open a Pandora's box of new demands from the Clinton administration that would block a new Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

Britain is eager, though, to help France to find a path out of the dilemma imposed by its pledge to the powerful farmers' lobby to block the Blair House accord and also to renegotiate the common agricultural policy.

Paris collection, page 13
William Rees-Mogg, page 14
Pressure on franc, page 36

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kurdish rebels seize tourists

Tatvan, Turkey: Rebel Kurds kidnapped four French tourists in southeast Turkey yesterday in the second abduction of foreigners in the turbulent region this month, provincial government officials said.

They said a group of armed guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) blocked a road linking the towns of Tatvan and Van and abducted the tourists from a bus.

The foreign ministry in Paris said that the four were all males in good health, and were specifically selected from among a busload of tourists by the kidnappers, adding: "The four were among 24 other French citizens. We do not know for sure why they were selected."

Six foreign tourists have been kidnapped in Turkey in the past three weeks. Two British tourists, Tania Jan Miller and David Michael Rowbottom, were seized three weeks ago, also in the Tatvan area, known as a hotbed of PKK activity. They are still being held captive. *(Reuter)*

Troops greeted

Beledweyne: Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, arrived in this Somali town, 190 miles north of Mogadishu, to greet German soldiers joining UN troops here, in Bonn's first deployment of forces outside the Nato area since the second world war. *(Reuter)*

Tamils attack

Colombo: Tamil guerrillas fighting for independence overran the Janakapura army camp and a settlement near by in an attack on the Weli Oya area in northeast Sri Lanka, killing 15 civilians and as many as 40 soldiers. *(Reuter)*

Truce for talks

Moscow: After five years of fighting, Azerbaijan and Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh have agreed a three-day ceasefire on the borders of the disputed enclave to hold negotiations. *(Reuter)*

Leader sacked

Kigali: Agathe Uwilingiyimzana, the Rwandan prime minister, and three of her ministers have been expelled from the Democratic and Republican Movement party after a week in office over what was described as treason. *(Reuter)*

Burning desire

Kuala Lumpur: Firemen on the Malaysian island of Penang received 15,479 "love calls" from young women in the first six months of the year. They received only 730 genuine emergency calls during that period. *(Reuter)*

Yeltsin cuts holiday as bank bans old roubles

The president, confronted by a hostile parliament, is determined to prove he is in charge. The summer coup against Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991 will be fresh in his mind

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday cut short his holiday and returned to Moscow, claiming that flurry of decisions by the conservative parliament in his absence was threatening to "undermine Russia's young democracy".

Fed with renewed attacks from the Supreme Soviet, Mr Yeltsin is keen to be seen to be in control of events after the decisions announced without warning by the Central Bank on Saturday to withdraw all bank notes issued before the beginning of this year. The move is calculated to steady the unstable rouble, stem corrosive inflation, and counter widespread forgery.

The Kremlin leader's return from his treat in the peaceful northern town of Novgorod was greeted by several hostile resolutions intended by parliament to offset initial approvals he has secured from the constitutional assembly for a reform of the legislature.

It has exploited his absence to order an investigation into alleged embezzlement by Vladimir Shumeiko, a deputy prime minister and close aide of Mr Yeltsin, involving the transfer of £10 million into a Swiss bank account for the import of baby food which, it is claimed, was never delivered. Parliament also approved a 1993 budget last week, which if carried out would double the deficit and shatter the government's intention to rein in spending.

The influential *Izvestia* newspaper claimed in its weekend edition that the country was in urgent need of strong leadership to head off a challenge from hardline forces and listed a warning that Mr Yeltsin faced the threat of a summer-holiday coup like that which befell his Soviet predecessor, Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991. "The president does not have the right even on vacation to stand above his responsibilities, to distance himself from events which could lead to him returning to a different country," it said.

The news of the currency reform was announced in flash broadcasts on television and radio, causing consternation among Russians who hurried to dump old rouble notes, including the 5,000 and 10,000 denominations bearing the Russian flag, instead of Lenin's head, which were issued only last year but are obsolete from this morning.

Food, electric goods and clothes stores were stripped by crowds keen to transfer their old currency assets into goods. At Moscow markets, heated arguments broke out between traders and customers over whether old notes were still acceptable at the weekend.

Many exchange kiosks stopped trading when the news was announced, while at those which continued to work the rate soared from just under 1,000 roubles to the dollar to 1,900 as those with spare cash rushed to invest in hard currency.

Russians have only a fortnight to swap their old roubles for new, up to a ceiling of 35,000 roubles (£24). Above that amount, cash has to be placed with a state savings bank for a mandatory six months, a move which it is hoped will help force down inflation, running at 750 per cent a year. This should hit speculators and the new rich, who have been hoarding roubles, rather than pensioners, students and workers forced by rampant price rises to spend money as they earn it in order to live.

The decision by the bank to implement the sudden and draconian drainage of the money supply indicates that it is prepared to co-operate more willingly than before with the tight fiscal policy advocated by President Yeltsin's reformist government.

Last night Arnold Voihikov, a senior bank official, announced that the rouble reform was partly intended to bring high-spending republics into line by threatening them with exclusion from the rouble zone. "If states agree to mutual control of the money supply, we will issue them with 1993 bank notes," he said. "If they do not agree, they should introduce their own currency."



No change: a Moscow kiosk saleswoman pointing to a customer that only 1993 roubles are accepted

Safety check

St Petersburg: An international team of scientists has set off for the Norwegian Sea to investigate and possibly seal two Soviet nuclear warheads that are leaking plutonium beneath a productive fishing area. The warheads are in the submarine *Komsomolets*, which sank with a crew of 42 in 1989. *(AP)*



Dividing line: children peering through razor wire into the Skenderija barracks, Sarajevo, where 1,000 French UN soldiers are based

Attack on UN base breaks Bosnia truce

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST four tank rounds slammed into a United Nations base in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, yesterday just after a new ceasefire was to have silenced the big guns long enough to allow peace talks to begin again in Geneva. At least two UN armoured personnel carriers were destroyed, but nobody was injured.

The UN negotiated the "cease-offensive", as it terms it, on Saturday. The deal is meant to open the way for a fresh round of talks on Bosnia's future. Having been twice postponed, the talks are planned to begin in Geneva tomorrow. President Izetbegovic of Bosnia says he will attend only if the ceasefire holds, and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is expected to go only if the president does.

The talks, chaired by Lord Owen, the European Community negotiator, and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the United Nations envoy, are in disarray. While they are still referred to as "peace talks", the situation in Bosnia has become so intractable that nothing on the agenda for the negotiations in Geneva could conceivably bring peace.

Ostensibly the talks are to discuss the joint Serb-Croat plan for the division of Bosnia into a confederation along ethnic lines. This is widely acknowledged as being code for a de facto greater Serbia and greater Croatia with a bit left over for the Muslims. Officials in Sarajevo say Lord Owen is putting pressure on them to accept the division because he believes it will lead to peace.

That is disputed in Sarajevo. Division into three ethnic mini-states, it is believed, would mean the "ethnic cleansing" of hundreds of thousands more people.

Colonel Jovan Divjak, one of two Bosnian deputy army commanders, has broken ranks with the ruling presidency, saying that lifting the UN arms embargo would be disastrous because Serb rebels would retaliate by blowing Sarajevo to bits. He said the outgunned Bosnian government army lacked the firepower to break out of the Serb siege cordon ringing the city.

The colonel, a moderate Serb in the mainly Muslim Bosnian army, added that a decision to remove the UN arms embargo to allow the Bosnian army to obtain new supplies would be a recipe for calamity. "I am personally against the lifting of the arms embargo. So far, the Serbs are believed to have thrown only 40 per cent of their real firepower against Sarajevo," he added. "If it were lifted, they would quickly use 100 per cent and devastate the city before we have secured one extra gun."

Olympic legacy boosts Barcelona

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN BARCELONA

ON THE first anniversary of the Olympic Games inauguration in Barcelona, organisers and citizens agreed yesterday that the £6.7 billion operation had been an economic success, cushioning the city from the recession and preparing it better for the future.

Pasqual Maragall, the mayor of this once decaying Mediterranean port, said: "Our position now is better than the rest of Spain ... Barcelona has 10.5 per cent unemployed while the national average is 22 per cent."

Señor Maragall said the games had transformed the city, and tourists, cruise liners, business conventions and Far East container ships were now using Barcelona more than ever. The city is the world's seventh most popular venue for conventions, he said.

"Economically, we want to become the gateway to southern Europe," he added. "The Olympic flame has gone out, but we still have this warmth in our hearts. Our greatest mistake would be discretely to retire with nostalgia."

The International Olympic Committee is satisfied with the modest £5 million profit made by the organising committee because the brunt of the costs has still to be paid off over the next 18 years by the city and the Spanish government.

Italians spurn funeral of bribes scandal suspect

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE funeral of Raul Gardini will take place in Ravenna cathedral today, but few Italians seem willing to shed tears for the man who forged Italy's second largest private industrial group and sponsored the yacht *Il Moro di Venezia* in the America's Cup last year.

"Pity is one thing; homage to these people is another," Marco Formentini, the Lombardy League mayor of Milan elected last month, said. Signor Formentini declined to attend the funeral on Friday of Gabriele Cagliari, the former head of the ENI energy group who killed himself on Tuesday while under investigation in the corruption scandal that is engulfing Italy.

The mayor will also not attend the funeral of Signor Gardini, the former chairman of the Ferruzzi-Montedison agricultural and chemical group, who shot himself in Milan on Friday. "Since I cannot pay homage to all those who have suffered from the bribery, I do not see why I should pay homage to those who took part," he said.

Gianfranco Miglio, the Lombardy League philosopher, caused a storm last week by saying there was no reason to feel sorry for Signor Cagliari. He said: "Pity and Christian charity allow people to escape their responsibilities."

Public hatred for figures embroiled in the corruption scandal prompted the Vatican newspaper, *l'Osservatore Romano*, to denounce Signor Miglio as a barbarian for his comments. *La Repubblica* asked: "Is Milan a city without a heart?" and Indro Montanelli, the veteran editor of *Il Giornale*, compared Milanese



Zeffirelli: "We are losing our best men"

women to the *tricoteuses* of the French Revolution.

The epidemic of suicides dominated television at the weekend. "We Italians feel deceived," Professor Lucio Villari, an historian, said on television. "The ruling class has not been able to meet its responsibilities. This cannot be swept under the carpet."

Signor Gardini had been one of the few leading industrialists to have spoken out publicly against corruption before the scandal broke. At one point he moved the base of his operations to Paris for a year, saying: "It is impossible to work in Italy without paying bribes." Friends defending his memory described his suicide as a noble gesture compared with the behaviour of politicians protected by parliamentary immunity.

Franco Zeffirelli, the film director, said: "Only entrepreneurs are capable of these extreme and dignified acts. None of the politicians who hide behind parliamentary immunity and use these episodes to attack the magistrature would ever have similar courage. We ought to have the death penalty for some of those, who are happily getting fat with billions in foreign banks. Instead, we are losing our best men."

Leaders of the Christian Democrat party attended yesterday the third day of a constituent assembly designed to restore their image, badly tainted by the bribery scandal. "What began as a white revolution without barricades is revealing itself as the first real Italian revolution, the first in unified history," Giorgio Bocca, an influential pundit, said. "The suicide of a strong man like Raul Gardini is a sign of tragic clarity — it is a time for settling of accounts, even for those who seemed untouchable."

Authorities concerned by the suicides released several suspects from prison last week, including Renato Pollini, 68, a former administrative secretary of the Communist party, who had spent 73 days in preventive detention at San Vittore prison, and Vittorio Brilli, one of his former aides who had been in jail since May 29. In Genoa, Delio Meoli, a former Socialist senator, was released after being in jail since May 21.

Extra guards have been ordered in the Opera jail in Milan for Giuseppe Garofano, the former Ferruzzi chairman and a key witness in the investigation, to prevent him from becoming another casualty of the scandal.

Mercury by day. The Planet Suite by night.

Where better to successfully mix business with pleasure than the International Convention Centre? Offering every conceivable facility for meetings and conferences, it's also central to a whole spectrum of diversions and delights.

Symphony Hall, situated in the Convention Centre itself, offers a rich and varied programme – complemented by crystal clear acoustics.

What better way for delegates to relax after a recent Mercury Communications conference than perhaps, a suite by Holst?

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE BIRMINGHAM

International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA
Telephone: 021-200 2000. Fax: 021-643 0383.

Raine clouds over Althorp



Raine and Johnnie at Althorp: Can the children ever forget, or forgive, what she did to the family seat?

The countess's execrable legacy is only a symptom of aristocratic decline, says **Alice Thomson**

They might have forgiven the meringue hairdo, the linen sheets being changed *every day and the 50 negligées*. They might eventually have come to an understanding over the way that her powder-puff tastes had led to one of England's most prized stately homes being turned into a "tart's boudoir". But the one thing the Spencer children could never forget was the way "Acid Raine", now Countess of Chambrun, converted the family seat at Althorp in Northamptonshire.

According to Angela Levin, whose biography of the Spencers, *Raine and Johnnie*, has just been published, "many feel Raine and Johnnie have wreaked havoc and destruction on a family inheritance. Valuable paintings and silver, furniture, china and archive manuscripts, most of which had been in the Spencer family for years, were sold, many in secret, which infuriated Lord Spencer's children".

Shackled to their stately homes by heritage, debt and family duty, the aristocracy have been having a hard time of it over the past decade, what with spiralling death duties, insurance and losses at Lloyd's. As *Tatler* magazine *stated last month*, "*the stately* decline of the aristocracy has gone into free fall".

Much of what once made it fun to be an aristocrat has now gone. "An aristocracy in a republic is like a chicken whose head has been cut off. It may run about in a lively way, but in fact it is dead," said Nancy Mitford in *Noblesse Oblige*. Now that Fergie has taken her top off, the same *could be said of the aristocracy* in Britain.

Some have crumpled in a heap of self-doubt, drying out clinics and tabloid vice, but many are soldiering on trying to do the best they can, flogging the Gainsboroughs, creating theme parks, selling home-made jam and mortgaging the stately piles. So why has poor Raine been so vilified for trying to do the same and why did the children put all her belongings in bin bags and kick them down the stairs?

When the new countess found Althorp in need of repair she rolled up her sleeves and got to work. There were musical evenings, cheap souvenirs, Johnnie's cellar on sale. But the results in the eyes of everyone except her husband were considered to be a cross between a Mayfair penthouse and a Forte hotel.

What Raine apparently failed to realise was that there is a rigorous aristocratic code on how to be parted from your inheritance. Aristocrats have obligations. Their gilt-edged ancestors expect them to continue the dynasty and many of the houses have been propped up with public money and expertise.

The first rule is taste. If you want to sell the Victorian lampshades, do not, as Raine did, buy new pink ones from British Home Stores. It is also better to leave the antique furniture slightly frayed than to cover it in Dralon.

The next rule is to get the right price. The art experts and museum curators are unanimous in their condemnation of the prices fetched by Raine. But her worst *faux pas* was spending it all on fripperies. Just think back to those brown Rolls-Royces, £40,000 *diamond brooches and three* Spanish-style villas in Bognor.

In contrast, Nicholas Phillips, owner of Luton Hoo, brother-in-law to the Duke of Abercorn and the Duke of Westminster, was commended for the way that he tried to cling onto the family estate and turn it into a modern business. In 1991 he was found dead in his fume-filled BMW.

His wife, Lucy, told the inquest: "He started to worry about the money. I knew he was suffering and starting to get depressed. We talked about the problem but I felt I shouldn't keep going on because it might make matters worse."

Of course, they privately admit, there can be little public sympathy for someone whose misfortune is to have inherited a stately home and too small a fortune to keep it going.

The younger generation also face difficult decisions: whether to amble along in penury, go into the City or dream up new plans for their inheritance. The Marquess of Worcester has become a pop singer, Earl Spencer is a television commentator, Lord Colwyn a jazz-playing dentist.

Many will have to while away decades before they take over. One young hereditary peer says: "Looking after the estate has always been seen as a vocation. But if you haven't got the money any more, there is no point in burdening future generations. I just hope the National Trust will take it over from me. In a way, losing money is quite healthy. It helps rejuvenate the upper class's determination to get on with life and achieve something." (Stately homes that *have gone to the National* Trust in recent years include Plas Newydd, given by the Marquess of Anglesey in 1985, and Dunham Massey, left by the Earl of Stamford in 1978.)

One heir who should have no financial problems is the Marquess of Blandford. But, like Raine, he is also considered to have broken the rules. Young peers can marry copper-haired chalet girls, dabble in drink, motorcars, racehorses and even gamble a little. They can smooch their way into gossip columns. But if their drug habit starts jeopardising the family silver, they have gone too far.

Last week solicitors acting for the trustees of the Duke of Marlborough's estate started proceedings to strip the wayward Blandford of his inheritance and to transfer Blenheim Palace, its 11,500 acres, art treasures and accompanying £100 million to his brother Edward, 19.

John Grigg, the historian and constitutional expert, says: "There have always been improvident aristocratic families. Arthur Balfour lost a huge amount of money investing in a scheme to make energy out of peat and immediately after the first world war the aristocracy frantically sold their land when they were faced with huge tax increases and the rise of Labour.

"Becoming elegantly poor wasn't frowned upon and there were many families who had appalling taste and got away with it. But in those days the only thing that could sink you was getting divorced."

Herd times with mother



LIBBY PURVES

LISTEN OUT for it, the length and breadth of holiday Britain: a plaintive seasonal cry, resounding from Tresoddit to Loch Jaw and from windswept Norfolk to rocky Wales. Anytime from now onward, over the bang of hatchbacks, the arguing of children and the squeaking of dinghy-trolley wheels, you may catch the distinctive call of the Hearty Holiday Mother. There is no mistaking those ringing middle-class tones:

"Tommo! Help Becky with her kit! Come on twins, get the picnic out — Johnnie! Ask Helge to help you with the basket — no, Helge, don't be silly, that's not what we call rain, it's only spitting! I put *some* spare oillies in the car — so what if they do smell mouldy? Really, Helge —! . . . Alice, for the last time, we are not going to sit in a smelly cinema watching *Jurassic Park* in this lovely weather. Bobsie, bring the ginger-beer out, then I can lock the boot. Come on, everyone, we're having a nice time, so let's not make it a not-nice *time!*"

Peer through your binoculars, from a safe distance, and you will see the HHM and her herd on the move. They wobble on their bikes or totter under the burden of tents and picnic-baskets, towels, swimsuits, lifejackets and oars. If you are lucky enough to have spotted the sub-species known as the SPM — or Sloaney *Pony Mum* — you will know her by the head-collars and leg-bandages and meaningless raving about cruppers. In the entourage of any HHM there will be one sniffing child, one sullen one, a number of boisterous boys and probably a resigned *au pair* or baffled exchange student.

The children will not be a matched set, but include ill-assorted cousins and friends, the result of convoluted bargaining between families ("No, Nicky, you can't go swimming at Martin's house, it's our turn to *have Martin and Josie* because Martin's mum wants a quiet day, she had all *six of you yesterday* . . .").

They will all be having a wonderful time, at least in theory. Listen to the distinctive call once more: "Jamie! I said *help*. Camilla — mind the Thermos — we'll never catch the tide — no, Alex, you are not big enough to have a canoe by yourself — you can go with Emma-Jane . . ."

Oh God. All right, admit it, all this detached anthropological stuff is *blind*. This mother is me. She used not to be: in more carefree years she was only a *caricature*, a cartoon figure by Posy Simmonds or a bravura performance from Joyce Grenfell. When I did see her in real life, I was the one lounging around looking cool and laughing at these tribal matriarchs.

Where, I used to sneer, was *Daddy*? Why had he abdicated his role of family Redcoat? Why did British *middle-class women* immolate themselves so readily on the altar of Summer *Fun*? I resolved never to allow mere biological motherhood to transform me *into* a dishevelled amateur Akela every August.

But it has happened, and there is nothing to be done about it. I must brace up and face it. Perhaps I shall decide that we HHMs are, instead of being figures of fun, actually heroines: the only Britons left with enough of the old empire spirit to confront *smutty* portable barbecues, children with midge-bites and the burden of leadership in the name of wholesome Enid Blyton-style summer hols.

How, pray, do you think that Mrs Virginia Bottomley achieved her effortless air of command? Only by years of holidays on the Isle of Wight, awash in children. I just hope that Mr David Hunt, who as cabinet minister for women has announced *that running* family is to be counted valid experience for business administration certificates, recognises the particular skill as well as the training and budgeting which is usually deemed to be what a mother does all day.

When I go for the chairmanship of ICI, I will tell them about the afternoon when the boom fell down on my head in the middle of a tidal river, and my crew consisted of two fighting eight-year-olds, a wet picnic, a heavily pregnant *friend* and a moglot Hungarian student who did not like getting her espadrilles wet.

Or I may cite my managerial triumph in getting 14 Viking outfits lashed up out of fur-fabric and leather bootlaces for children from two to 12, on a brutal assembly-line principle ("Stand *still*, Edgard!") while the daddies played outside and carefully painted the carnival float. Heigh-ho, sweet summer.

Kasparov v Short.

Tacticians will book their seat now, and capture a free lunch at Simpson's-in-the-Strand.

Reserve a ticket for the Kasparov-Short battle before the end of July, and you'll enjoy much more than great chess from the world's two best players.

We'll give you a voucher for a free lunch, worth around £30, at one of London's most famous restaurants, Simpson's-in-the-Strand.

SIMPSON'S-IN-THE-STRAND

Britain's traditional 'home of chess', to be taken before the end of August.

On the menu at Simpson's will be their renowned English cooking, attentive service and club-like atmosphere.

On the menu at the Savoy Theatre between 7th September and the 30th October will be 24 games of the most exciting chess you've ever seen.

Luncheon

Ripped Spinach Salad with Garlic and Herb Dressing

Chilled Cucumber and Mint Soup

Scalloped Smoked Salmon with Mustard and Dill

Coronation Chicken

Baked Cod with Sea Kale, Parsley Sauce

Skewered Vegetables with Tomato and Basil

Strawberry Bluecrange with Summer Berries

Cold Rice Pudding with Pears

Chocolate Truffle Cake

For tickets, ring First Call on 071-497 9977 today. Or book through any Keith Prowse branch.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST CALL 071 - 497 9977 24 HOURS - 7 DAYS

Profits speak in the kibbutz

Socialist roots are gradually being dug up on Israel's collective farms



ZEV RADOVAN

Pioneer spirit of the old days: now young people won't stay

In a world grown accustomed to the relentless collapse of socialism, Israel's 270 kibbutzim represent one of the doctrine's last outposts. The movement which made the desert bloom, drained the malarial swamps, subdued the marauding Arab gangs and provided the future state with its political and *military elite is failing to* attract young people and has fallen into heavy debt. Radical changes are under way.

The need to attract new members to the movement and stem the flow of young people is urgent. A recent survey showed that 41 per cent of kibbutz youth are contemplating leaving Israel after their national service, compared with only 25 per cent in 1986. Today the kibbutzim go out of their way to pander to personal tastes, granting allowances to families to buy their own food, luxury items like televisions and videos and even paying for annual family holidays abroad.

To stay profitable, the modern farms have moved away from traditional agriculture in favour of light industries, which now account for two-*thirds of their earnings*. The farms also have begun hiring outside employees, from cheap Arab *labourers to computer* experts and accountants, to do jobs either too menial or too specialised for their own members.

In one recent example of unbridled capitalism, kibbutz Kinneret, Israel's second oldest collective farm, raised capital by placing shares in its plastics factory Hofit on the Tel Aviv stock exchange. At kibbutz Hanita, a famous pioneering settlement on the Lebanese border established by the Israeli war hero Moshe Dayan in 1938, the community has decided to publish a list of its members in order of their productivity.

"Those who do well will be rewarded with foreign trips, scholarships: those who do *consistently poorly will be* kicked out," said Hanita's secretary general Danny Sorek.

The kibbutz which has gone furthest down the capitalist road is Ein Ziwan on the Golan Heights. First the communal dining hall — the central meeting place — was closed down to save costs. Then outside consultants were hired to bring modern management techniques to the farm and finally, ten months ago, the 60 remaining kibbutzniks committed the ultimate heresy. By a majority of two to one they voted in favour of paying salaries to the members according to the value of their work.

It has been a shattering *experience for idealists such as* Jeffrey Krygier. A chartered accountant from the East End of London, he emigrated in 1978 to begin a new life at Ein Ziwan. "I looked very carefully until I found the kibbutz I wanted. It was young, idealistic and it fulfilled my socialist beliefs — the pioneer spirit was still alive," recalled Mr Krygier nostalgicy. "I gave it everything I had sometimes working from dan to dusk moving stones by hand from the fields so we *uld plant* vines. I assumed th as I grew older the commuty would then look after me.

Although the Uted Kibbutz Movement JKM) is expected to expel E Ziwan at an extraordinary ssion next month for "going lyond the accepted parameter, the kibbutz establishmen is convinced that it carabandon some of its socialistrappings and accommodate naterialism and consnerism (summed up in rael by everyone's seach for the two Vs", a Volvo and a illa), yet keep most of its ba: principles intact.

Muki Tsur, the ecretary general of the UKM, id: "We are not against chares. The *kibbutz is not a utop*, it is a living society. We eed to reform, without crosng the ideological river."

Henry Near, a kibutznik for 38 years and auth of *The Kibbutz Movement* OUP), thinks that althoug some collective farms vl be squeezed out by enomic pressures, the old pioeering spirit will see the rest rough their current difficulti. "Fifteen or 20 may go the way of Ein Ziwan, but th will probably remain the exception."

However, none of ts can reassure Mr Krygier s he faces the prospect of beg an employee on a farm he lped to build. "I know that en if I joined another kibbu the same thing would lppen again. For me the kibbt and Israel are one. If I had nply wanted to make moy I would never have left thity."

RICHARD BEESON

the launch party for my latest effort to [illegible]

هكذا من الإصل

هكذا من الإصل

As a question mark is placed over the survival of haute couture — have the Paris collections provided an answer?



ABOVE: **UNGARO** CENTRE: **VALENTINO** TOP: **SAINT LAURENT**

LEFT: **CHRISTIAN LACROIX** MASTER OF COLOUR WITH A MUTED PALETTE RIGHT: **VERSACE** PUSHING AT THE BOUNDARIES PHOTOGRAPHS: CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS

ABOVE: **VALENTINO** CENTRE: **BALMAIN** TOP: **CHRISTIAN DIOR**

The art of survival





CHANEL: IS THIS WHAT THE DIEHARD CLIENTS WANT?

"For me, haute couture is a reaction to the lack of imagination and the confusion in the world of fashion today: in designing haute couture my creativity becomes more personal, more free" ... in this way the Italian designer Valentino Garavani justifies his part in the art of creating couture clothes.

That the couture collections are free from the plebeian restrictions of ready-to-wear is obvious. The designs on show at the autumn/winter collections in Paris last week will never suffer the indignity of being left on the sale rail, for they will never again see the light of day unless on the back of a satisfied customer.

Couture is a peculiar devil, existing somewhere between heaven and hell. In Paris its extremes were mirrored by the weather. One moment it poured, the next the sun shone. At times, both happened at once.

Such is couture. Difficult to comprehend, yet simply seductive. There is no rationale for its existence when viewed in context, yet sitting in the midst of it all there are few who remain unmoved. Like a child at the circus, it is difficult not to be overwhelmed as the designers make brave aesthetic stunts appear easy.

Couture makes a nonsense of the real world. The clothes are born, live and breathe in a bubble, but one which has for some time threatened to burst. As yet, it has not. Instead it continues to bounce on, but floats perilously close to the ground. Couture simply exists. The clothes simply look beautiful, but if that beauty has become somehow predictable, is that enough? It is the predictability that threatens to strangle the very last few gasps of breath from couture.

When Karl Lagerfeld opened the Chanel show by sending out models wearing skirts so short that their Lycra-covered behinds were fully exposed, one wondered at his reasoning. It is certainly not what the diehard Chanel clients want. It does not even follow fashion's lead. What then? A joke ... or merely an attempt to grab headlines?

However, if we accept that fashion in the nineties has new values which are thankfully more forgiving, and very different from those which it had when a woman's status and self-image were measured by the length of her skirt, then we must review the couture collections as we might an art show at the Tate. Couture is all about ideas — some are good, some bad.



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

At the couture shows, the designer's personality is stamped all over the clothes, as telling as any DNA fingerprinting. As with Gianfranco Ferré at Dior, who for the most part remained true to his perception of glamour — short skirts, and sculpted jackets. These are as unique to Ferré as his signature — and as familiar. His dishevelled "pirate wenches" looked wonderful by comparison.

Balmain, Givenchy and Scherrer showed few surprises. Each house created even more clothes for their stalwart customers, who filled the neat rows of seats with their neatly filled besuited selves.

Ungaro showed one of the best collections yet ... for Ungaro. Layered, Moroccan-inspired velvets, jet-beaded tunics and slip dresses worn over sheer loon pants looked gorgeous. However, so much was covered by so much more that the models often appeared overpowered by the clothes.

The vogue for ethnicity continued at Valentino, who used his recent trip to China as inspiration for a collection playing hard against soft. Quilted, watermarked silk jackets and waistcoats... or bell-like skirts, were accented by floaty chiffon. Having shared the trip with Valentino, it was extra-special to relive this evocative celebration.

Despite continued rumours, Yves Saint Laurent showed his stamina as a designer. Little velvet skirts lengthened with lace shared the runway with ballgowns in colourful Andy Warhol-style flower prints. Where one neckline plunged almost to the point of indecency, others cloaked the neck in a prudish Mary Queen of Scots ruff. Fashion fans still lose their heads at a Y.S.L. couture show.

When designers let their imaginations fly they can create clothes which inspire audible gasps.

Three such designers are Gianni Versace, Karl Lagerfeld and Christian Lacroix. The triumphant trio are just as dogmatic about their individual vision, yet they share the same delight in pushing at the boundaries of couture by working with fabrication. To witness the high jinks of haute couture sewn into the very body of a garment is awe-inspiring. There are no such words as overworked or over-embellished in the couture vocabulary, but where once it meant buttons and bows and more besides, now it refers to hours of work put in to make a flat piece of fabric.

Lacroix takes hundreds of colourful beads and creates no colour to speak of, or at least one to which you cannot put a name. He elaborates velvet, shades chiffon, and blends fabrics, creating new possibilities. A master of colour, this season he worked with a muted palette, yet still created magic. The way in which Versace's designs actually hold together is a miracle. Lacey squares were sewn next to plush velvets and then contoured to perfection about the body. His day suits of velvet were covered by a spidery mesh of black stitchery. His audience was open-mouthed.

Lagerfeld's mind moves at the same pace as the models in the Chanel show: breakneck speed. Out rushed Christy, Linda, Naomi and Claudia, and out rushed Lagerfeld's ideas, at times too fast to appreciate his clever craftsmanship. Ragged fringing, a crazy-paving patchwork of chiffon overlaid with crepe, and tweedy-looking knits made his modern cutting-edge designs look even tougher. Lagerfeld knows there is a concrete jungle, but from the luxury of his salon he wishes it to be paved in gold.

One can only hope that these designers, and others like them, pursue such experimentation within the ready-to-wear arena, which will, in turn, act as an influence for the whole marketplace, so that one day everyone will get the chance to experience a little of this new alchemy.

For me, haute couture is a bubble which must never burst. Imagine what a horrid place the world would be without the chance to see dreams come true.

Last call

Only a few more days for your free gift from Estée Lauder.



Hurry in for the perfect travel companion. This big, black duffel bag is ready for action with formulas like Time Zone, LUCIDITY and sensuous KNOWING. And there's plenty of room for other essentials, too. Yours free with the purchase of any two or more Estée Lauder products. An irresistible reason to travel to the Estée Lauder Counter.

Available until Saturday 31st July 1993.

Cosmetics, Ground Floor.

One gift per customer, while stocks last.

RE-NUTRIV All-Day Lipstick. incredible colour wears long, looks gorgeous.

Rich Results Hydrating Cleanser 30ml. The moisturising soothing cleanser

Time Zone Moisture Recharging Complex 7ml. Souffle-light, yet deeply moisturising.

KNOWING Eau de Parfum Spray 5ml. So sensuous. So sophisticated.

LUCIDITY Light-Diffusing Makeup 7ml. A true skincare makeup.

Harrods KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Harrods Ltd, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Matthew Parris



■ Is it a fair law that allows the prosecution of two men simply because they live together?

Last Wednesday, shortly after 2pm, I was at Rochester Row police station. For me it marked the opening chapter to a story which could be over within months, or might last years.

It was not I who was wanted for questioning, though 20 years ago it very well could have been. The two people whom police officers had travelled from Exeter to interrogate were Will Parry and Hugo Greenhalgh: two of the brightest, most decent, normal, unthreatening people you could hope to meet. One of them, Mr Parry, was 25; and the other, Mr Greenhalgh, was 20. They have been living together as a couple.

Of them, more in a moment, but first a personal word. Maybe you are thinking, "here he goes again". You may feel that I have an axe to grind: "he would say that wouldn't he". Or you may just find me repetitious. I confess I am unsure what balance to strike, and it troubles me. When you feel very deeply about something it is not easy to know, and I do not know, at what point you begin to abuse your readers' hospitality. Nor, perhaps, are you properly conscious that your own opinions may be less valuable than the opinions of those who write without personal involvement. Nor is it edifying to see a writer who is ready enough to offend, develop a sudden tenderness for the feelings of one minority. To this I admit. I should like to apologise to those whose patience it tests. Caught between the knowledge that some will not forgive me for persisting with this, and the knowledge that I should not forgive myself for failing to, I am truly embarrassed.

But these two people have such courage that everybody should know. Their story began some time ago when they volunteered to allow their own relationship to be taken as a test case to the European Court of Human Rights. Their argument is that, as two adult British citizens, their right to live with each other in a full relationship ought to be respected under our law. At present (one of them being under 21) their partnership can be, in its sexual aspect, a criminal offence. Stonewall, a lobbying group of which I am a member, is backing them.

Both had appeared on a Radio 4 programme, *Bus Stop*, where they made their relationship clear. An officer of an organisation called the Conservative Family Campaign felt this should be used as evidence for a prosecution, and made a complaint against them in Exeter.

Pity the police. The fact that one of two men who have made love to each other is under 21 does not mean a prosecution is automatic. Guidelines exist within the prosecution service — rather complex guidelines, involving the precise age and relationship of both — and these usually determine the decision whether to prosecute.

The guidelines are secret. Neither the public nor the House of Commons is allowed to know them. Yet they make the law! They define what will be enforced and what ignored.

I find this unsatisfactory. By drawing a statute's sting in hard or easily publicisable cases, it serves to delay proper reform. In this case it would have been difficult for the police to take no action, however, for the complainant was determined on publicity and the guidelines are not supposed to exist. So Parry and Greenhalgh were summoned to Rochester Row. By the time I arrived, the door had slammed and they were inside, being questioned separately.

I had talked to Will, the older of the two, beforehand. He was not by then feeling very brazen about it. It is easy to take a stand at the dinner table, and to cheer others on: but for a law-abiding and rather gentle sort of person, the idea of being yourself questioned with a view to criminal charges under a law against sexual offences is quite horrible, and it would be him, not Hugo, who would be charged. I think he is a very brave man.

> 'Both came out of the police station rather shaken and a bit frightened'

Both came out of the police station rather shaken and a bit frightened. Both had admitted that they had a full relationship, both had refused to give details of precisely what they did together. They were told they will be informed after a month whether they are to be charged.

It would be easy to invite your sympathy for Will Parry and Hugo Greenhalgh, but it would be misplaced, and they do not ask for it. They did not need to face this, they have invited the publicity, and they will survive it. The police will take care not to prosecute them.

Sympathy should be directed towards the thousands to whom this happens without publicity, who have not asked for it, who are prosecuted, and for whom it is ruinous; the suicides whose reason is never recorded; and towards the hundreds of thousands who live in daily fear of such a prosecution. For them, these two stand as a token.

I feel ashamed, as a British citizen, that redress should now be sought from beyond our own shores. As one who was a Conservative MP, I feel ashamed that my own old party, in government, should continue to turn away.

In Germany as in Britain, Maastricht is challenged by a different vision of the Community

Dr Brunner's better kind of Europe

Today the case of judicial review of the proposal to ratify the Treaty of European Union starts in the High Court. It would be wrong to rehearse the arguments at this stage, though, as there is still some confusion. I can properly repeat that this case is brought against the foreign secretary, that it is concerned with the lawful use of executive power, and in no way questions the actions of Parliament, the legislative power.

A parallel case opposing ratification of the Maastricht treaty is being brought before the Constitutional Court in Germany. The legal grounds are quite different, as Germany has a written constitution, the Basic Law, unlike our complex and uncodified constitution. Nevertheless, the motivations are much the same. I did not decide to bring the British case until the House of Lords — under a three-line whip on the government and Labour sides — rejected a referendum.

Dr Manfred Brunner has brought the German action. From 1989 to 1992 he was chief of cabinet to Martin Bangemann, a European commissioner of strong federalist views. The central argument is that the Treaty of European Union violates article 20 of the Basic Law, which lays down that the German constitution allows only for actions of state which arise from the democratic principle. The transfer of further powers under the union treaty to those who are not elected democratically, as is the case of the European commissioners, is contrary to the Basic Law.

The Constitutional Court is taking this argument very seriously, and is not expected to declare a decision until October or November, after the British case is likely to have been decided. The Brunner argument goes wider than the issue of democracy. In his own words he is concerned with "a constitutional combination of national statehood and democracy".

The encouraging point for Britain is that Dr Brunner, who represents an important element in German public opinion, has a broader agenda for Europe which would be acceptable to British opinion, and — apart from Maastricht — would be largely acceptable to our government. He argues that "the Maastricht treaty must be buried and a new path to European unity developed, step by step. The leaders of the 12 member states of the EC must step aside from their personal political tensions and be prepared to understand Europe's position in all its complexity. Whereas they are seeking a federal Europe of autonomous regions, the aim should be to create an economic union of affiliated autonomous states."

To achieve this Dr Brunner advocates the completion of the single market, the integration of the Efta countries in the EC, and the early integration of "those countries to the east now freed from communism, including the Ukraine and White Russia ... the EC must open its borders to the products of all these countries without reservation". His proposal is democratic, retains the autonomy of the European nation states, and provides for the completion of the single market, the enlargement of the Community, and free trade to the east. Apart from Dr Brunner's strong belief that Maastricht moves the EC in the wrong direction, his views largely coincide with those of John Major and Douglas Hurd. It would be far easier to unite the Conservative party around Dr Brunner's views than around those of Jacques Delors. Of course Ted Heath has moved from the Brunnerite assurances of 1972 to his Delorsian posture of 1993.

Dr Brunner spent three years working in Brussels. The experience left him hostile to the present form and powers of the Commission. "The European Commission," he writes,

William Rees-Mogg

"must be reformed and referred back to its function, namely to act as a co-operative organ of leadership. The Commission must be reduced from 17 to 5 members only." This attitude would probably not be accepted by the British government, which has strong Eurocratic sympathies, as does the civil service. Nevertheless, the desire to shrink the Commission would have support in Germany and France as well as in Britain.

The revival of Gaullism in France provides growing support for some of Dr Brunner's views of the future of the Community. Apart from the economic suffering caused by high French interest rates, and the threatened failure of the ERM, no one now supposes that the second French referendum on Maastricht would produce a favourable vote. In Germany and France, as in Britain, public opinion has been shifting against Eurocratic federalism; as Douglas Hurd rightly claims, the tide of European opinion is now moving in our direction.

The leader of this movement in France is Philippe Séguin, the Speaker of the parliament. He has described the concept of European monetary union as a "historical and monetary absurdity". In a recent report from Paris, Charles Bremner wrote of M Séguin's advocacy of "*la politique autrement*" — the other politics. As a majority of Gaullist voters, and 130 conservative French MPs, voted "*non*" in the French referendum, it seems likely that the next president of France will be elected by anti-Eurocratic votes. Even Jacques Chirac is starting to criticise Edouard Balladur for failing to break with Socialist policies.

One of the practical advantages enjoyed by the Eurocrats is that they know each other so well and see so much of each other. Brussels provides a focus for their activities which their critics lack. They also have the advantage of the interpenetration with the national bureaucracies. In the 1945 election a Labour party slogan was "left can speak to left", meaning that it could get on better with Joseph Stalin; in the 1990s there is some truth in the saying, "bureaucrat can speak to bureaucrat".

The Maastricht treaty is a broad extension of the powers of the European Commission, and is therefore objectionable to Germans who think like Dr Brunner, and of Frenchmen who think like M Séguin. It has nevertheless had the benefit of making many of those who want a broader, democratic Europe of autonomous nations aware that they are part of a wider European movement. *La politique autrement* is not just a French phenomenon; it has strong appeal in Germany and Britain. Some people think that those who oppose Maastricht have been mistaken because the treaty is a poison pill for Brussels. That is not a view I share, but it is one I understand.

Certainly the rise of *la politique autrement* dates from the signing of the Maastricht treaty. It then became clear that the project of a federal Europe under bureaucratic control was an immediate threat. During the parliamentary debates in Britain few people have spoken in favour of this federalism. The Maastricht treaty was carried through Parliament on the perhaps dangerous argument that signing it was the best way of advancing British policies, which are themselves much closer to those of Dr Brunner than to the federalist Eurocrats. We are proposing to ratify Maastricht in order to stop it happening.

Douglas Hurd may well be right about European opinion: the tide may have turned. If, in Hegelian terms, Maastricht was a thesis, and the reaction to it in Germany, France and Britain is the antithesis, we may reach a European synthesis which will not be quite one thing nor the other, neither Kohl nor Brunner, neither Delors nor Séguin. In the meantime I wish Manfred Brunner the best of fortune in his challenge in the Constitutional Court. For that matter I wish myself well also. But these are legal issues, even if they are legal issues in a historic context.

Let Majorism be his guide

The prime minister needs a coherent range of new policies, says Peter Riddell



John Major often talks as if the endless rows over Maastricht have alone been responsible for his difficulties. Otherwise, everything has been fine. Douglas Hurd, the government's new conciliator in chief, argued on Friday that because of the coming together of the end of the parliamentary debates on Maastricht and news of economic recovery, "we can go away for the recess with greater confidence than at any time since the last general election".

If only life post-Maastricht was so simple. This is not just a matter of whether Mr Major can survive as prime minister — events and elections will determine that. Yesterday's polls in Christchurch ahead of Thursday's by-election suggest that the government has so far failed to convince voters that the economy is really recovering. As significant in the long term, however, is whether the government has a consistent and clearcut domestic strategy.

The official line is that the prime minister can relaunch himself after the summer holidays. Most Tory MPs can come together around a European programme of decentralisation, greater democracy and enlargement. Bill Cash can be put on a working party, and an agreed manifesto to satisfy most Tory MPs, if not all MEPs, can be written for the Euro-elections next year. Domestically, the party can go on the offensive by emphasising priorities recently set out by Mr Hurd: sustained economic recovery, deregulation, and improving the quality of public services — plus law and order.

The preoccupation of the political world with Maastricht has diverted attention from these other issues. Mr Major is right to point to the fulfilment of a third of the Tories' manifesto pledges. More substantial legislation has been approved than in the first sessions after Lady Thatcher's election victories.

Activity should not, however, be confused with coherence. Individual departments have been busy, tightening up asylum law, reorganising schools, setting up the urban renewal agency, implementing the changes to the health service, permitting competition in rail services (though that bill is in trouble in the Lords) and so on. But there has been no pattern. Nobody is clear what Majorism is about.

There are still weaknesses in the government's strategy. Mr Major was elected Tory leader to reunite his party ahead of the election. But subsequent events have exposed the contradiction at the heart of the Major government: how far should it emphasise continuity with the Thatcher years and how far should it admit some of the mistakes of that era and emphasise a new approach?

Mr Major's leaked comments about "a party that is still harking back to a golden age that never was, and is now invented" highlights his personal desire to make the break. He is no son of Thatcher, and never was, except in her imagination. There has, however, been an ideological confusion. In some areas of public services, the Major government has appeared zealously Thatcherite; in others, as undermining its legacy. Privatisation has been extended into industries, such as British Rail and, potentially, British Coal, never touched by Lady Thatcher. The revolution in public services has been taken forward. Yet public spending has been raised, the main policy failure of Mr Major, both as a Treasury minister and as prime minister.

The Tories now need to develop a distinctively post-Thatcherite agenda. That does not mean reversing the changes of the Thatcher years. In some areas, such as reducing the Budget deficit, it means returning to the disciplines of the Howe/Lawson era. But many of the battles of the 1980s, with the trade unions and left-wing town halls, are over. So, as Mr Hurd indicated, the Tories have to respond to current concerns over competitiveness and public services.

The record so far is patchy. The Major government has put forward important new initiatives covering, for instance, the citizen's charter, private sector finance for public projects, and deregulation. But none has made the intended impact because of a lack of political will to follow through the implications. The citizen's charter is at heart a good idea for improving the responsiveness of public services, but it suffers not just because of its name but also because changes in the behaviour of Whitehall and public agencies have been too gradual and limited.

Similarly, the potentially far-reaching proposals in last November's Autumn Statement to relax the rules on private investment in public projects have so far had little impact, in part because of Treasury caution. This has prompted warnings from Howard Davies of the CBI that the whole initiative could be discredited unless "real holes can be dug in the ground pretty soon". The review of government regulations has so far produced just minor bureaucratic gestures, possibly in part because of the absence of Michael Heseltine after his heart attack. Last Tuesday's seminar on deregulation produced nothing to convince small businessmen, the core of many Tory associations, that government is making life simpler for them.

These weaknesses matter, since the government has to have something fresh to say at the next election. Economic recovery in itself will not be sufficient for victory. There are also risks in emphasising law and order. The forthcoming measures on criminal justice and the police (with the Sheehy proposals being heavily watered down) reflect genuine public concerns. But however justified they may be in the long term, they may raise expectations that are bound to be disappointed in the short term. That is not an argument for inaction, but rather for modesty in claims about law and order.

The future of the Major government will depend not only on the deep tensions within the Tory party (the "bastards" and all that), but also on whether the government has anything to say. At present, its message is blurred.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Nadir's travels

THIS summer's holiday tip comes from Northern Cyprus. Modern travel leaves much to be desired, the advice goes, unless one is fortunate enough to have a private aircraft.

Asil Nadir makes an unapologetic debut this week as a columnist in *Scallywag*, the magazine that needles John Major almost more than do his party rebels. Predictably, Nadir's first contribution makes much of his problems with departure and arrival procedures in Britain.

The impeccably dressed fugitive relates in particular the story of his return to Britain from Cyprus two-and-a-half years ago. "In December 1990 I had been helping those charming and stunningly honest administrators of my sabotaged company, Polly Peck International, in Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus."

When Nadir returned, knowing he was likely to be arrested, his flight captain was diverted from Heathrow to Luton because of fog. "We both knew that the real reason was that the Metropolitan Police preferred the honour of a welcoming party rather than the bobbies of the Bedfordshire constabulary," he admits. "Wow! It was some welcome. Over 65 fully armed police, flak jackets, guns, dogs *et al*. I was a little disappointed there were no tanks."

Details of his more recent departure from Britain are sketchy. "My return flight was just as exciting. Unfortunately I have lost the details ... But I do remember arriving and departing like a gentleman, even for a TEG (Turkish English Gentleman). I will return like one as well."

Orwellian

GEORGE ORWELL would have had his worst suspicions confirmed. The publisher Orion has just bought a fictional account of the writing of *Animal Farm* for publication next spring. *Dr Orwell and Mr Blair* is written from the present-day perspective of Farmer Jones's son Alex (absent from Orwell's novel), a boy of 12 in the winter of 1943 when his father turned to drink and he was left to run the farm on his own.

David Caute emphasises nervously that his novel is "wholly a work of fiction", and knows his hero Orwell would not have approved. "He would be scandalised. His sense of the 'decencies' would



have prevented him writing a work of fiction about a person. He would have said it was untrue, which of course it is."

● *If MI5 is embracing perestroika, it hasn't told the College of Arms. The smart badge — complete with a gold sea lion, portcullises, roses and the motto* regnum defende *— on the front of the security service's new brochure has attracted considerable interest. But don't ask for a translation. "We cannot discuss the badge. It's still a secret," says a spokesman.*

Lambeth walk

AS John Smith struggles to modernise the party's links with the unions, he has been spared an unwelcome blast from the party's past. Red Ted Knight, one-time leader of the hard-left Lambeth council, has failed in his attempt to return to the political fray.

To the horror of the Labour leadership, Knight, disqualified from office for five years in 1985 in a row over rate-capping, had applied to stand in next year's council elections. Now a report on Knight by a sub-committee of the Greater London Labour party has robbed the Tories of an electoral gift. It reads: "The interviewing panel felt that your answers did not show commitment to a necessary long-term improvement and change in Lambeth. It is essential that we have an acceptable public profile." The once loony-left capital of Britain seems to have learnt something over the past eight years.

No resting place

DOES someone have it in for Alex Falconer, the Scottish Labour MEP — at 6ft and 18 stone one of the more conspicuous members of the European parliament? Strange things have been happening to Falconer, member for Mid-Scotland Fife, ever since his role in having Jean-Marie Le Pen's proposed trip to Edinburgh called off.

Falconer's next hotel reservation in Strasbourg was inexplicably cancelled, requiring him to share a double bed with Ken Stewart, Labour MEP for Merseyside West, who is not only a former paratrooper of similar build, but a man who snores. Loudly.

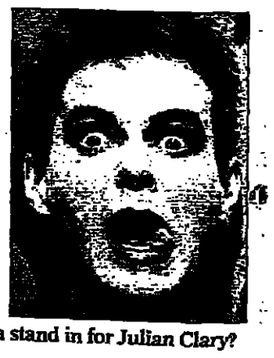
Lend an ear

HAS Iain Sproat got it in for writers? Further to the Diary's note last week about the nervousness with which he is now viewed by his former tutors at Oxford, comes news that he also fills the nation's authors with fear and loathing.

At issue is Sproat's opposition to the 1979 Public Lending Right Act, under which authors are paid a fee for each library borrowing.

Shaw's biographer Michael Holroyd says: "As arts minister Sproat should be a friend to writers — if he hasn't changed his mind it will be difficult to see him in this light. I won't bad-mouth him yet — who knows, he may experience a Damascus-like conversion."





Will Dame Kiri Te Kanawa stand in for Julian Clary?

It's an alternative opera house, like

THIS will surprise regulars at the Hackney Empire, the north London theatre best known for the likes of Lenny Henry, Harry Enfield, Julian Clary and the 291 Club — the weekly talent show with a cult following among London's black community. Senior staff from Covent Garden's Royal Opera House are considering hiring the theatre when the opera house undergoes its refurbishment programme from 1997-9.

Roland Muldoon, the Empire's theatre director, says it is "a very exciting idea". But he dismisses the notion that the opera house's usual highbrow fare will go over the heads of his regulars. "We keep being nailed down. Yes, we do pantos, on Friday we had a reggae night, and we do Jamaican farces. But we are doing our first opera season soon, which is sponsored by a beer company. You might have thought that real-ale drinkers were just into folk music, and opera people wore talcum powder. But you would be wrong."

ISRAEL'S RETALIATION

The counter to Iranian-backed attempts against the peace talks

Hezbollah guerrillas, backed by Iran, had two aims in killing Israeli soldiers and firing rockets into northern Israel: to provoke retaliation and sabotage the peace process. They have succeeded in the first. In three strikes Israeli fighters have pounded Hezbollah bases and other targets, killing civilians as well as guerrillas and Syrian soldiers. For two weeks Mr Rabin held back. Now the largest assault on southern Lebanon since 1982 has provoked predictable anger in the Arab world, inflamed public opinion in Israel and only days before a visit by Warren Christopher, the American secretary of state, left Yitzhak Rabin's government floundering in the old political and military quagmire of Lebanon.

July has been a deadly month for Israel. A surge of rocket and ground attacks left seven soldiers dead, ruined tourism in northern Israel, undermined public confidence in the government and gave a golden opportunity to hardliners to pour scorn on the government's readiness to do deals with the Arabs. The events overtook the visit of Dennis Ross, the American special envoy, forcing him to shuttle between Damascus and Jerusalem to urge restraint, and overshadowing his main purpose, to break the logjam in the talks.

Mr Rabin clearly felt forced to act before Mr Christopher arrives. He must hope both that domestic anger will be thus assuaged enough for him to press ahead with the remaining obstacles to a peace agreement and that a message has been sent to Hezbollah, Hamas and other rejectionists that no negotiations will trammel Israel's determination to defend itself with its usual vigour. In a vote in a professional association, considered indicative of the general mood, Hamas has just beaten the relatively moderate Palestine Liberation Organisation in Gaza, where the frustration and hardship of border closure and economic blockade is winning daily support for the Islamic militants. Iran, stepping up subversion throughout the Middle East, is now seen by Israel as the most determined opponent of peace.

The days of quick surgical strikes are over, however. The PLO camps were easy targets; Hezbollah is more dispersed in the Bekaa valley, has radicalised most of the Shia population of southern Lebanon and is directed from houses and cells all over Beirut. As Mr Rabin admitted last week, it is an illusion to think a massive military action would wipe out the threat from Lebanon. Israel has bitter memories of the morass into which such an illusion dragged it a decade ago. All options present dangers.

Much now depends on Arab reaction. No Arab leader will openly condone Israeli retaliation, even though most would like to see the Islamic militants brought low. Most of Israel's negotiating partners are close to a settlement, and do not want events on the ground yet again to wreck 20 months of tortuous progress; nor do most people living in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the occupied territories, who have begun to see peace as both inevitable and desirable. Arab governments will therefore press Washington to urge restraint on Israel. The Israelis will tell Mr Christopher that unless he persuades Syria to curb the guerrillas in Lebanon, talks with Damascus will remain deadlocked. None of this would necessarily wreck the negotiations. But frustrating the rejectionists' calculations will take courage, restraint and vision — qualities rare in the Middle East today.

RELATIVE VALUES

Einstein's foibles unsettle the myths of the secular age

"We cannot despair of humanity," Albert Einstein once remarked, "since we are only human ourselves". Just how human the century's greatest scientist was himself is revealed in a new biography, which claims that Einstein was a coarse womaniser, a spiteful father and a male chauvinist pig. Unpublished family letters portray a genius whose flaws have been disguised by decades of worship and whitewash.

It is a truism that the private lives of the great are rarely as blameless as their achievements. Scientists are no more likely to be free of human foible than composers or writers. Newton was a sanctimonious bore; Darwin was an obsessive hypochondriac; and some of Professor Stephen Hawking's admirers were disappointed by the sad break-up of his marriage. Einstein may have claimed that the "strict angels" of his work restricted his enjoyment of private life, but it surely no surprise that he too was prey to earthier passions.

Salacious revelation has become almost de rigeur in posthumous biography, an additional rite of passage which the dead must endure, and there was no reason to suppose that scientists would escape this literary trend. A recent life of Richard Feynman, the Nobel Prize-winning scientist who helped build the atom bomb in Los Alamos, dwelt on his numerous affairs and his tendency to play bongo drums late into the night.

Asked by an encyclopedia for permission to use a picture of him beating the drum, Feynman was blunt in his response. "Theoretical physics," he wrote, "is one of the higher human endeavours — and this desire to prove that people who do it are human by showing that they do other human things (like beating bongo drums) is insulting". Knowledge of private character and habits can indeed enrich knowledge of a person's work. But it is vital, in Einstein's case as in Feynman's, not to confuse judgment of private morality with appreciation of intellectual achievement. Contrary to Keats's claim, truth and beauty are not the same.

It is more interesting to ask why Einstein achieved sainthood in the first place and why his myth is now being questioned. The great scientist's portrait — part Charlie Chaplin, part Albert Schweitzer — is one of the most popular poster images of the century. His brain, the nearest thing to a holy relic in the nuclear age, has been analysed solemnly for clues to the origins of genius, while his formula, $E=MC^2$, remains a sacred hieroglyph for millions who do not understand it.

In a world grown secular but not prepared to embrace nihilism, Einstein filled the role of Isaiah or John the Baptist, a pacifist prophet of new ideas and new meanings. He epitomised an age in which science had become a quasi-religion, in which Conrad's agent provocateur in *The Secret Agent* chose the Greenwich Observatory as his target for bomb attack, knowing that the middle classes would be most outraged by an assault on a citadel of progress. Einstein's remark that "God is cunning, but he is not malevolent" suggested that the modern priesthood of scientists would eventually decode the divine cunning and plot a bold new course for mankind. It is perhaps because they have not, that we must now face how human their master really was.

THE REAL MAASTRICHT CRISIS

The markets no longer believe in the ERM

Britain's parliamentary wrangles last week attracted only limited attention on the other side of the Channel. Observers there were far more interested in the real threat to the whole Maastricht process, the collapsing European exchange rate mechanism.

Massive official intervention has contained market pressures only temporarily. The French franc remains highly vulnerable and the threat now involves the Belgian and Danish currencies as well. The markets, given the comfort of a one-way option, are making essentially the same bet as they did against the British authorities last autumn: that in the last resort, economic necessity will over-ride political determination.

The French commitment to the *franc fort* is stronger and more emotional than Britain's ever was to its ERM membership. The French can also mount a far more convincing theoretical defence of the franc's competitiveness. Indeed, if the markets paid attention only to inflation and to the trade balance, as theory suggests, the pressure would be on the mark rather than on the franc. But, although the franc is arguably correctly valued within Europe (an argument that was made for sterling last year), Germany's internal dilemmas have created a continental crisis.

Faced with the costs of reunification, the German government has adopted *Reaganomics* — fiscal recklessness offset by tight monetary policy. This tension can only increase if Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, is as good as his latest word — to spend whatever it takes to create employment. In response, the Bundesbank has enforced interest rates which have made the whole ERM group over-valued, and are now pushing the continental economies into deep recession.

Germany has already suffered a drop in output worse than in the worst of the recent British recession. Hard-liners in the Bundesbank may argue, as did those in the Treasury and the Bank of England, that this is a necessary cost of defeating inflation. The French economy, however, is under no such internal pressure and is now sliding rapidly into the same trough.

As a result, political opposition to the current policy is already far stronger in France than it ever was in this country. The anti-Maastricht wing in the ruling Gaullist party argues that it is time to put French national interests first. The currency dealers believe that sooner or later this logic will prevail.

The case is not yet quite conclusive. If the Bundesbank council decides at its meeting on Thursday to put the interests of the ERM ahead of its domestic worries, and cuts interest rates determinedly, then the market could remain relatively calm during the summer policy recess.

This would take real courage: the inflation statistics will not be reassuring, and the German money supply is being inflated by the defence of the franc. The currency turmoil is not on the agenda today when John Major meets President Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur, but the new conservative prime minister will almost certainly want to coordinate views. Whatever happens this week, the calm will be temporary at best. The market's judgement is that the economics tensions are too strong and the political commitment too weak to sustain the Maastricht convergence process.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Correctness of Maastricht challenge

From Dr C. F. Forsyth

Sir, The Speaker recited article 9 of the Bill of Rights 1689 and "warned the courts against infringing the rights of Parliament when they dealt with the legal challenge to ratification [of the Maastricht treaty]" (report, July 22). But, even supposing Lord Rees-Mogg's application for judicial review did infringe the rights of Parliament, the Speaker surely cannot have supposed that the judiciary would be unaware of article 9 or would be influenced in their decision in the slightest by extra-curial remarks even when they emanate from the Speaker's chair. The day that happens judicial independence ends.

Article 9 does say that "proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any Courte [sic]", but it must be plain to all except Mr Tony Benn (article, July 22) that Lord Rees-Mogg's application does not question "proceedings in Parliament". He says that parts of the treaty that have not been approved by Parliament increase the power of the European Assembly. He says that such approval is required by section 6 of the European Assembly Elections Act 1978 and thus he is asking the courts to stop the government — not Parliament — from breaching the law as laid down by Parliament.

All the courts are being asked to do is to interpret and then enforce an Act of Parliament, something that every court does every day.

Lord Hailsham (article, July 21) asserts that Lord Rees-Mogg's application raises the issue of whether the judicial review court can pronounce upon the correctness of a purely political judgment by ministers. But the courts lack such a power.

If Lord Rees-Mogg's application succeeds it will be because ratification has been held to be unlawful: it will have nothing to do with whether it is in the interests of the UK that Maastricht should be not ratified. Such is indeed a matter of political judgment but the courts do not have and, *pace* Lord Hailsham, do not aspire to have such powers.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER FORSYTH
(Director of Studies in Law),
Robinson College, Cambridge.
July 22.

From Professor J. H. Baker, FBA

Sir, The Speaker, in responding to Mr Benn (report, July 22) might have mentioned another privilege of Parliament which is arguably of greater importance even than that mentioned in the Bill of Rights.

It was clearly and authoritatively stated by one of the greatest of all English judges, Sir Matthew Hale (d. 1676), in his treatise, *Prerogatives of the King*

Though the government regal be perpetually and irrevocably settled in the king and descendible to his heirs, yet is it not an absolute dominion transferable over by the king to another ... [and] as the kingdom cannot resume the allegiance and faith due to the king, so the king cannot *se a regno abdicare* or transfer the *jus summi imperii* of the kingdom or any part thereof without the consent of the kingdom ... and that in a regular and parliamentary way.

For the government, acting in the name of the Queen, to transfer over any part of the *jus summi imperii* without regular parliamentary authority (that is, by express act of the Queen in Parliament) would be a far greater assault on the supremacy of Parliament than any discussion in a court of law.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. BAKER,
St Catharine's College,
Cambridge.
July 23.

Stratford's plea

From the Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon

Sir, The chairman of the Local Government Commission, Sir John Banham, has said that perhaps it would be better for local government if his commission's enquiries were confined to "examining only those areas where local people are demonstrably dissatisfied with the present structure of their local government" (*Local Government Chronicle*, July 2).

This historic market town with an international reputation, which attracts more than two million visitors a year, was downgraded to a parish in 1974 after over 420 years as a borough concerned with managing the town's affairs.

In 1991, a town poll showed that 96 per cent of those voting were in favour of a restoration of truly local, truly accountable, government.

Given that local authorities are enablers rather than direct providers, the size of the local authority is no longer relevant even if it once was considered to be so. It is worthwhile pointing out that in the 1964 reorganisation of local government the City of London, with a resident population of less than 5,000, retained its historic separate identity.

The call from the people of this town to the Local Government Commission and to the government is that this birthplace and resting place of England's most famous son should once again become responsible for its own destiny as a principal authority within any new unitary body.

Yours faithfully,
FRED EARNSHAW,
Mayor's Parlour,
c/o Town Clerk's Office,
14 Rother Street,
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.
July 22.

Assessment of NHS

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing

Sir, Jeremy Laurance ("Why it matters where you live", July 13) highlights the importance of the recently published report by the Clinical Standards Advisory Group (CSAG) on the availability of specialist services within the NHS.

The article, however, does not explore the intrinsic value the very existence of such a group represents in itself; and what, if given the necessary statutory legitimacy, such a body could achieve.

The CSAG was established in 1991 because of the concern expressed jointly by the royal colleges at the imposition of the internal market on to the NHS. Our campaign centred around the need for an independent body to monitor and oversee the changes and produced a hard-won concession.

Despite this, the CSAG's powers are not as great as the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) would like. The RCN advocates a fully independent national inspectorate with statutory backing that most effectively represents patients' interests and needs to government. Only such a body could possess the influence to see recommendations through to implementation.

This, however, is not the case, and the Department of Health is not obliged to act on the report's conclusions, despite their profound implications for the continued rationalisation of acute services nationwide. It would, however, be irresponsible for the government to ignore this expert advice and not take into account what the CSAG has learnt from experience.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE HANCOCK,
General Secretary,
Royal College of Nursing,
20 Cavendish Square, W1.
July 13.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Road building seen in wider context

From Mr Stuart Black

Sir, I echo your concern (leading article, July 19) about the absence of a long-term national transport policy. Britain suffers more from congestion than any other comparable developed country except Italy. However, simply building more and more roads is not a sustainable long-term solution.

The government needs to rethink its entire approach to Britain's transport infrastructure and devise new measures to tackle traffic congestion. It could make a start by

1. Pressing ahead with road pricing and road toll schemes but using the money generated to improve the whole transport infrastructure, including public transport.
2. Encouraging much better interchange facilities between car and rail.
3. Promoting "freight villages" along the lines of those in Germany, Austria and elsewhere, which allow lorries to transfer freight to rail for long-distance travel.
4. Ensuring that integrated public transport services are retained and made as easy to use as possible.

Failure to tackle the issue now will merely exacerbate the problem in future years.

Yours truly,
STUART BLACK (Chairman,
Transport and Land Use Panel),
The Royal Institution
of Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street,
Parliament Square, SW1.
July 21.

From the President of the Freight Transport Association

Sir, If relieving the burden on industry means anything, the Department of Transport must be told to allow 44-tonne lorries forthwith. That would boost the productivity of our distribution industry by £300 million per annum.

Allowing 44 tonnes would remove one in seven of the heaviest lorries and save 480 million lorry miles. Unlike the 40-tonne EC lorry, the design does not require the upgrading of bridges or roads.

Allowing 44 tonnes would also achieve 2 per cent of our commitment at last year's Rio Earth summit to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Yours sincerely,
R. A. CLARK, President,
Freight Transport Association,
Hermes House, St John's Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
July 20.

From the Director-General of the Road Haulage Association

Sir, Your assertion that we are facing Autogeddon is unnecessarily alarmist and extreme.

At present, 1.7 per cent of the land area of England is used for roads, and this includes residential streets: thus the level of increase being planned by the government is not going to bury the country "under concrete and tarmac".

We suffer already from being on the geographic periphery of the European Community, and the paramount need is to move people and goods quickly and reliably.

Railways and waterways have a part to play in this, but they presently carry only 6 per cent of passenger traffic and 14 per cent of freight, and even significant increases would provide only limited relief for the roads. There is too much emphasis on environmental costs while ignoring the many economic and social benefits of road transport.

Charging more for road use, when we already pay heavily for this, with the Treasury taking some £14 billion a year more from road and vehicle-related taxation than is spent on roads, is not going to help either industry or the consumer and will certainly hurt our competitiveness.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN COLLEY, Director-General,
Road Haulage Association Ltd.,
Roadway House, 35 Monument Hill,
Weybridge, Surrey.
July 20.

From Mr Grahame Leon-Smith

Sir, I congratulate the government for having the courage to announce the widening of the M25 (report, July 23). Before the M25 was built, it took half a day to get from one side of London to the other, whereas it can now be done in an hour providing you avoid the rush hour, and the Surrey lanes were constantly clogged up with through traffic.

I would, however, put in a strong plea for emulating the excellent practice in the United States of providing wide central reservations when a motorway is built, thus preventing accidents and enabling new lanes to be provided by "shaving off" the central space. This would avoid the need for lengthy public enquiries and the enormous expense of widening bridges.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME LEON-SMITH,
The Niven Suite, The Mansion,
Ottershaw Park, Surrey.
July 23.

From Mr F. G. St Clair Strange

Sir, No amount of road building will ever catch up with the increase of traffic and no charges diminish it. The only solution is for new vehicles on the roads to be limited to the number taken off them each year.

Yours faithfully,
F. G. St CLAIR STRANGE,
Church Hill House,
Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent.

Business letters, page 34

Lesson from history

From the Leader of the House of Lords

Sir, I do not agree with Mr Anthony Quick (letter, July 22) that a parallel can be drawn between the question of a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and the debates over the great Reform Act or the 1911 Parliament Act. In both 1832 and 1911 Parliament voted to approve the reforms in contemplation, and in each case served to strengthen our parliamentary democracy. That is indeed the measure of the success of our current system.

The question of a referendum, by contrast, involves the transfer of decision-making from Parliament, often on single-issue policies. If that course can be justified it is one which should be reserved to the most extreme cases and is certainly not one to be pursued with regard to issues for which the only justification appears to be that the main political parties are in agreement.

Incidentally, Mr Quick's own historical recall may be faulty. I think that he joined the staff of Charterhouse in the autumn of 1949. I left the school that summer. He confounds me with my brother.

Yours faithfully,
WAKEHAM,
House of Lords.
July 22.

Plonking good sense

From Mr Leslie Jones

Sir, Mr John Gere (letter, July 17), on reading of Graham Gooch spraying perfectly good champagne, asked whether a special "spraying champagne" could be produced.

As I write, I have before me a bottle, clearly labelled as a grand marque champagne, identical in every respect to the genuine article. The label, however, is overprinted in small letters: "This bottle contains ginger ale, for theatrical use only, not for sale." As a lover of champagne I like to think that something similar is used by victorious grand prix drivers et al.

Incidentally, a bottle of this spurious champagne was opened, tongue in cheek, at a recent meeting of our society, causing both amusement and embarrassment when educated palates failed to identify the ginger ale at first attempt.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE JONES
(President, Bromsgrove
Fine Wine Society),
6 Fordhouse Road, Bromsgrove,
Hereford and Worcester.
July 18.

From Mr Sandy Atkinson

Sir, Surely the great champagne houses have anticipated Mr Gere's suggestion. No self-respecting producer of top-quality bubbly would tolerate for an instant the sight of racing drivers spraying it in all directions after a grand prix. Without doubt those agitated Formula One magnums contain nothing more than squirt-quality champers.

Yours etc,
SANDY ATKINSON,
21 Summerdale, Billericay, Essex.
July 17.

Ring of mystery

From Mr Brian R. Battersby

Sir, Your front-page photograph of Mrs Stella Rimington, head of MI5 (July 17), clearly features her outsize amber ring. Shall we ever learn, I wonder, what electronic marvels are hidden within or beneath this great jewel? Surely there must be more than meets the eye, be it for communications, self-defence, or perhaps the disablement of some would-be successor to the Bond villain Blofeld.

It is said the best way to conceal something is to place it in full view. Where better than on the front page of *The Times*?

Yours truly,
BRIAN R. BATTERSBY,
Longdale House, Wincle,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.
July 17.

Oh, Mr Porter

From Mr Michael Hill

Sir, Dr Roy Davies (letter, July 12) has been badly advised. There are three direct trains daily from London to Hereford via Oxford. I took one recently and with the aid of a taxi (£30 each way) reached Llandrindod Wells in just over 3½ hours from London.

Direct rail access to Llandrindod Wells situated on the Central Wales line has never been good. Five or six trains a day currently meander along this line between Llanelli and Shrewsbury, most of them stopping by request at 29 stations on the way. However, at least the line is still open!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HILL,
12 Rowanwood Avenue,
Sidcup, Kent.
July 14.

Horns of a dilemma

From Mr Peter Collymore

Sir, I drive through Richmond Park, London, several times a week and am intrigued by a sign: "Important Notice, Excessive Deer Activity."

I clench my hands on the steering wheel and keep my eyes skinned and the engine revving, but so far the deer seem to be snoozing excessively under the trees.

What can the matter be?

Yours faithfully,
PETER COLLYMORE,
Barrington Cottage,
Byworth, Petworth,
West Sussex.
July 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this morning attended an Honorary Degree Congregation at the University of Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended the Centenary Celebrations of the Seaview Yacht Club, Seaview, and was received by Her Majesty's Governor and *Lord Lieutenant for Isle of Wight* (the Lord Mottistone).

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 25: Mr Cyril Woods was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the *Royal Victorian Order*.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, this morning attended the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund International Air Tattoo 93 at Royal Air Force Fairford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 24: The Duke of Kent, President, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, today attended the International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford, Gloucester, *Gloucestershire*, and was met on arrival by Colonel Richard Coxwell Rogers (Vice Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire).

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 25: The Duchss of Kent, *patron*, UNICEF UK, today arrived at London Heathrow from Tanzania.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Field, composer, Dublin, 1782; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politician, London, 1802; Alfred Marshall, economist, London, 1842; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Dublin, 1856; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Tver, Russia, 1874; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Kesswyl, Germany, 1875; André Maurois, novelist and biographer, Elbeuf, France, 1885; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Godalming, Surrey, 1894; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, London, 1895; Paul Gallico, novelist, New York, 1897; Salvador Allende, President of Chile 1970-73, Valparaiso, 1908.

DEATHS: John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, 1680; Thomas Osborne, Duke of Leeds, statesman, Easton, Northamptonshire, 1712; John Friend, physician and politician, London, 1728; Samuel Houston, 1st President of the Republic of Texas 1836-8 and 1841-4, Huntsville, Texas, 1863; George Borrow, writer, Oulton, Suffolk, 1881; Sir James Murray, philologist, Oxford, 1915; William Jennings Bryan, political orator, Dayton, Tennessee, 1925; Benjamin Whorf, anthropologist, Wetherfield, Connecticut, 1941; George Gallup, pioneer of public *opinion* polls, Switzerland, 1984.

Irish rising in Dublin, 1914.

Following a Labour landslide in the general election, Clement Attlee became Prime Minister, 1945.

Farouk I, King of Egypt, abdicated, 1952.

Churchill Trust

Lieutenant General Sir Henry Beverley to be Director General of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: J K Covell - Sultan as Capt 28.1.94.

COMMANDER: F J Aitken - MOD London 9.8.93; A R C Bennett - MOD London 29.10.93; C W Crichton - Devonport 4.1.94; P M Egerton - MOD London 2.11.93; A W Forsyth - Dryad 9.9.93; H N Gale - NATO Europe 23.3.94; D J Hughes - NATO USA 4.2.94; A N Law - NATO Europe 17.12.93; S C Martin - *MOD London 1.11.93*; N G H Moberly - Bath 6.8.93; K M Redford - Rooke in Cmd 7.1.94; D J Sayer - MOD London 28.9.93; M W Stenning - Mercury 17.12.93; P M Wardley - NATO Europe 31.8.93.

Retirements

COMMANDER: D Fulton - 4.9.93; A L Horton - 9.10.93; R P Slemon - 8.10.93; B J Smith - 9.9.93.

SURGEON COMMANDER: A Yates - 5.10.93.

CHAPLAIN: M T P Foulds - 2.10.93.

The Army

BRIGADIER: C Groves - to MOD 26.7.93.

COLONEL: A A Wilson - To Mod 26.7.93; C S Grant - To MOD 26.7.93; J M W Stenhouse - To HQ *Scotland* 30.7.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M Dowdle RLC - To MOD 30.7.93; S M Gledhill RA - To be CO 16 AD Regt 26.7.93; R C Gray RLC - To HQ SDIST 26.7.93; P N Hinde LI - To MOD 1.8.93; A W J Kennett Para - To RMAS 26.7.93; R N A Lewis 10 GR - To Brit Lias Tm Kuwait, 1.8.93; J S Newman-Carter RLC - To be Comdt JSMTC Scotland 27.7.93; S J L Roberts IG - To be CO 1 IG 26.7.93; C C Wilson RA - To be CO 47 Regt RA 30.7.93; J S Campbell *RLC - To LSP* Angola 28.7.93; J R Ibbotson Para - To RAF Cranwell 26.7.93; C M I Tennent KRH - To be CO EMid UOTC, 26.7.93; J F Skipworth RAMC to RAM Coll 9.8.93; M J Sloman QARANC to RHQ QARANC 9.8.93.

Retirements

COLONEL: S R Nathan Late AAC 31.7.93; M R Newby Late REME 31.7.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: D A Newton RADC 7.8.93.

Nature notes

YOUNG mistle thrushes are feeding with their parents on playing-fields: they have a more blotchy *white appearance than the sleek* brown adults, but both young and old tilt to one side as they fly up, showing the characteristic silvery underwing. They are often accompanied on the grass by flocks of lumbering woodpigeons and quick-moving starlings. Many house-martins have started second broods, but the young from the first brood still come back to roost in the mud nest under the eaves. Young green woodpeckers are out and about in the trees: they roost in the same hole, and sometimes sunbathe close together on the ground.

Two prickly-leaved members of the dandelion family are in flower: *hawkweed ox-tongue*, whose yellow flowers are often pink beneath, and bristly ox-tongue, which has white pimples all over its leaves. In waste places there are tall clumps of mugwort, which has small woolly orange flowers, and dark green leaves with soft white undersides. A lilac glow is spreading over the flowerheads of teasel, which are like small lamps behind protective spines. Gatekeeper *butterflies are settling on the* fragrant pink flowers of marjoram: their orange wings are neatly framed in brown. DJM



The mistle thrush



Tiptop condition: Christopher Chance, 10, with his dog Tramp, and the actress Liza Goddard who yesterday gave Tramp his award as Britain's scruffiest dog, at the RSPCA Centre, Millbrook, Surrey. Tramp was saved from a rubbish tip by Christopher's father Philip, of Redworth, Co Durham, who nursed him back to health

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Kent will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will open Yorkshire County Cricket Club's new pavilion at Headingley at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra will meet *members of the Jersey branch* of BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients) at 1.40; will visit the Jersey Cheshire Home at Eric Young House, St Helier, at 2.25 to mark its 10th anniversary; and visit the headquarters of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries at Howard Davis Farm at 3.35.

Memorial services

Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, October 13, 1993. Those intending to be present at the Service are asked to apply for tickets in writing, *by not later than* September 22, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 13, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted on September 29.

Dame Joyce Bishop

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Joyce Bishop will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Monday, October 4, 1993. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present are asked to notify in writing: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 4, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that the appropriate seating arrangments can be made.

Guild of Firefighters

The following were elected to office for the ensuing year 1993/94:

Victor Green, Master; David Cartwright, Upper Warden: Ken Barnes, Middle Warden: Jeremy Beech, Renter Warden: Frank David, Under Warden.

Appointment

Council of Voluntary Welfare Work

Sir Kenneth Macdonald, KCB, is *appointed Chairman of the Council* of Voluntary Welfare Work in succession to the late Sir Ewen Broadbent, KCB, CMG.

Archaeology

Researchers shed a little light on Ice Age cave paintings

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

RESEARCHERS have gained new insights into the conditions in which Ice Age cave paintings were made. They have concluded that the creators never saw their work as they appear in modern photographs because the lighting was too dim.

A study of the lamps used to illuminate the caves while the artists were working in them *shows that each lamp gave off* less light than a candle, so that multiple light sources would have been needed for the *artists to have been able to* see any of the paintings properly.

It has long been assumed *that stone lamps filled with* animal fat were used by Upper Palaeolithic artists between 10,000 and 30,000 years ago at *caves such as Lascaux*: an example was found in one of the first caves to be dated to the Ice Age, La Mouthe, 90 years ago.

Sophie de Beaune of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique in Paris has now studied more than 500 putative lamps made from slabs of limestone and sandstone, finding that around 300 were certainly used as such. These ranged from simple flat rocks with shallow depressions to elaborate bowls on carved handles.

The most complex examples were of sandstone, partly, she believes, because the material conducts heat well and a handle was therefore needed. The simplest lamps were of limestone, which is a much poorer conductor. Even so, some of the latter were decorated, as a recently-noted example in the British Museum's collections from Courbet shows.

Dr de Beaune divides the lamps into "open-circuit" examples where there was a groove to drain off excess *melted fat, and closed-circuit* lamps, both with and without handles. The greater effort involved in making the latter was *compensated by greater* fuel efficiency.

The fuel seems to have been animal fat: Dr Guy Bourgeois and Dr de Beaune used vapour-phase chromatography and mass spectrometry to measure carbon-isotope ratios in fatty acid residues in fourteen lamps. The results resembled the fats of modern herbivores, including deer, pigs and cattle, but not those of humans or vegetable oils.

Dr Fritz Schweingrüber of the Swiss Federal Research Institute has analysed residues from 14 lamps, finding that the wicks were often made of moss or juniper. Reddening of the stone showed that the wick on handled lamps was usually placed away from the handle.

Measurement of the light output at the Kodak-Pathé laboratories showed that one lamp could be used to find one's way or to illuminate fine work in closeup.

Dr de Beaune concludes, however, that "the limitations of *Ice Age lamps suggest that* the creators of cave drawings never saw them as they appear in modern photo*graphs. Achieving full and* accurate colour perception of the images along a five-metre panel would require 150 lamps *placed 50 centimetres from the* cave wall.

"A person carrying a single lamp could only view small *portions of the wall at a time.* The dim illumination produced by flickering lamps may well have been part of the desired effect of viewing art deep within a cave: the illusion of animals suddenly materialising out of the darkness is a powerful one, and some cave images are all the more convincing if one cannot see them too well".

Source:
Scientific American 266 No. 3: 74-79; Courbet: Proceedings ofthe Prehistoric Society 58:29-35.

Lincoln's Inn awards

The following students have been awarded scholarships for their year studying for the Common Professional Examination:

Daniel Lightman, Magdalen Coll, Oxford: Paul Raynes, Downing Coll, Cambridge; Emma Godfrey, Christ Church, Oxford: David Gomez, St Edmund Hall, Oxford; Julian Manning, UMIST, Simon Salzedo, Keble Coll, Oxford; Robin Wittering, *St John's Coll, Cam*bridge; Michael Paget, Bristol University; Paul Bradford, QMW Coll, London; David Cadman, Durham University; Alex Bailin, Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge; Dominic Loughlin, Manchester University; Ian Mitchell, Newcastle University; Thomas Mitchell, Balliol Coll, Oxford; Usmat Perveen, King's Coll, London; Silas Reid, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Robert Swerling, Trinity Coll, Oxford; David Swinnerton, Merton Coll, Oxford; Elizabeth Auckland, New Hall, *Cambridge; Jonathan Hamm,* Southampton University; Janet Murdoch, York University; Hugh Norbury, Worcester Coll, Oxford; David Ladipo, Balliol Coll, Oxford.

Late pre-pupillage awards for 1993

The following students have been awarded Pre-Pupillage Awards for 1993:

Satnam Choongh, Warwick University; Elizabeth Atkinson, Leeds University; Elizabeth Willmot, Merton College, Oxford; *James Mullan, Magdalene Col*lege, Cambridge; Alex Williams, Merton College, Oxford; Sabrina Lippell, Southampton University.

Marriages

Mr J. Hughes and Miss R. Walters

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Great Alne, Warwickshire, between Mr Jonathan Hughes, younger son of the Bishop of Kensington and Mrs John Hughes, and Miss Ruth Walters, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Walters. The father of the bridegroom officiated and the Rev Bruce Kinsey and the Rev S. Burch also took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Annie Elizabeth Kasher, Dr Sarah Jenkins and Miss Clare Story. Mr David Hughes was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

Mr I.S.F. Gore and Miss S.E. Frizzell

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 24, at St Michaels Church, Bray, of Mr Simon Gore, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Gore, of Taynuilt, Argyll, and Miss Sarah Frizzell, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Frizzell, of Holyport, Berkshire. The Rev George Repath officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Caroline Cook, Rosanna and Suzanne Dixon, George and Alice Cave and Thomas Gayner. Mr Patrick Sherriff was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr D.S. Harrop and Miss P.A. Royce

The *marriage took place on Sa*turday, July 24, 1993, at Weybridge Register Office between Mr David Harrop and Miss Penelope Royce.

The bride was attended by Lydia Griffin Royce and Christopher Harrop.

Mr E.S. Grigg and Miss R.S. Kelly

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary of the Angels, London, W2, of Mr Sebastian Grigg, elder son of the Hon Anthony and Mrs Grigg, to Miss Rachel Kelly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Kelly. Father Michael Hollings officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alexander Coleridge, Blanche Fitzgerald, Jessica Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Francis Williams, Alexandre Sienczewski, Carolina Sienczewski and Miss Mary Pakenham. Mr Steven Grigg was best man.

A reception was held at Stanley House, Chelsea, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C.M.W. James and Miss M-J. Granville

The marriage took place on Saturday at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Berkshire, of Mr *Christopher James*, elder son of Mr and Mrs Julian James, of St Aubyn's, Rottingdean, East Sussex, to Miss Mary-Jane Granville, daughter of the late Mr Court Granville and of Lady McNair-Wilson, of Bucklebury, Berkshire. Dom Boniface Moran officiated, assisted by the Rev John Eddison.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr George Granville, was attended by Roger Granville, Alice Granville, Camilla Granville, Emma Tucker and Susie Reynolds. Mr David James, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the *bride and the honeymoon* will be spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.C.D. Fisher and Miss E.A. Heath

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Captain Roger Fisher, RN, and of Mrs June Fisher, of Snape, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Heath, of Ellenhall, Staffordshire.

Mr J. Hulsman and Miss O.M.A. Bull

The engagement is announced *between John, son of Mr and Mrs* Carl Hulsman, of Rocky River, Ohio, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Piers Bull, of Merstham, Surrey.

Mr J.R. Meyer and Miss J.M.L. Dighton

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Meyer, of Wimbledon, SW19, and Jannine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Dighton, also of Wimbledon, SW19.

Mr T.R. Pike and Miss S.E. Bridgford

The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harry Pike, of Cossall, Nottinghamshire, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bridgford, of Mobberley, Cheshire.

Mr R.C.H. Ferard and Miss J. Benson

The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Ferard, of Nunthorpe, Co Cleveland, and Jo, only daughter of Mr Terry Benson, of Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, and Mrs Patricia Ann Benson, of Ouston, Co Durham.

Captain C.R. Renwick and Mrs J.A. Lyles

The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Renwick, The Light Dragoons, eldest son of Sir Richard Renwick, Bt, and Lady Renwick, Whalton House, Whalton, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Jane Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Bush, Holly Farm, Wendling, Norfolk.

Mr G.C. Stoddart-Stones and Miss S.J. Swinstead

The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr George Stoddart-Stones, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Ian Lennox, of Victoria, BC, Canada, and Shân, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Swinstead, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Carey, former chairman, Dalgety, 70; Professor Gioconda De Vito, violinist, 86; Mr Vitas Gerulaitis, tennis player, 39; Sir Peter Hall, *diplomat*, 55; Mr Mick Jagger, Rolling Stones' singer, 50; Miss Barbara Jefford, actress, 63; Dr John Kilgour, former director of prison medical services, Home Office, 69; Mr Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 65; Professor James Lovelock, scientist, 74.

Miss Helen Mirren, actress, 47; Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, 63; Mr Lance Percival, actor and singer, 60; Professor Sir Keith Peters, physician, 55; Sir Frank Price, former chairman, British Waterways Board, 71; Sir Derek Riches, diplomat, 81; Miss Bernice Rubens, writer and director, 65; Professor Sir John Stallworthy, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 67; Lord Thorneycroft, CH, 84; Mr M.H.W. Wells, former chairman, Charterhouse Japhet, 66; Dr Anne Wright, vice-chancellor, Sunderland University, 47.

Deputy lieutenants

Perth and Kinross

Alastair S F Mair, of Crieff, and *Captain A D Gordon, of Blair* Atholl, have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants for Perth and Kinross.

Latest wills

Baron Ross of Newport, of Knighton, Powys, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, 1974-1987, left estate valued at £186,212 net.

Mr William Mark Hughes, of Llanfihangel Y Pennant, Tywyn, Gwynedd, Labour MP for Durham, 1970-83, and for the City of Durham, 1983-87, left estate valued at £147,599 net.

Mr Harry Dunnicliff, of Frampton Cotterell, Avon, left estate valued at £469,332 net.

He left personal legacies totalling £14,300, £1,000 to the WWF, and the residue equally between Oxfam, Save the Children Fund, Christian Aid and the Children's Society.

Lady Anne Elaine Primula Bryant, of London SW7, widow of Sir Anthony Bryant, the historian, and daughter of Bertram Brooke, H H Tuna Muda of Sarawak, left estate valued at £299,163 net.

She left £3,000 to Sheepstor Parochial Church Council, Devon, £1,000 to Alcoholics Anonymous, and her autographed collection of her late husband's books to Harrow School.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Ethel Nora McFarlane, of Bricket Wood, Herts.....£704,699

Mr Donald Stewart Lawford Rolph, of Worthing, West Sussex, retired company director £524,293

Agnes Nivison Rome, of London NW3.....£620,056

Mr Nathaniel Wand, of Pinner, northwest London.....£761,269.

TRADE: 071 481 1982
PRIVATE: 071 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

FAX: 071 481 9313
FAX: 071 782 7828

Thus we have come to know and believe in the love which God has for us. God is love: he who dwells in love is dwelling in God, and God in him.
1 John 4 : 16

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - On 19th July, to Lyn and Niall, a daughter, Alice Louisa Joyce, a sister for Hayley and Lauren.

CARRINGTON - On 24th July to Daniela (née Diotallevi) and Rupert, a daughter (Francesca), a sister for Robert.

CHANIN - On July 21st to Clare (née Thrope) and Paul a son, Christopher Thomas William. Dvc gratis

MELROSE - On July 13th, in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA, to Patricia and David, a son, Callum Fitzgerald, a brother for Sarah and Julia.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

KALAUGHER-WINTER - On 26th July 1933 at the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, Wilfrid to Eileen. For many years at Marlborough, now at Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

DEATHS

AITCHISON - On 23rd July, at Hemel Hempstead General Hospital, Robert James. Husband of the late Georgina, father of Margaret and Neil. Funeral Service, Thursday July 29th 12 noon at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted. No letters please. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, c/o J. Worley Ltd., 48 Lawn Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9HL.

CONRAL - On July 21st 1993, peacefully, Antoinette Agaliae Corriaston "Tommie", in her ninetieth year, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 29th July, 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please (no wreaths) c/o Ashton (081) 946-1061.

JOHNSTON - On July 23rd 1993, suddenly but peacefully at Maidstone Hospital, Murray aged 63 years. Beloved husband of Diana, loving father of Rosie, devoted brother of Jim and the late Gordon. Service at St Peter's Church, Ightham, nr. Sevenoaks, on Friday 30th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Peter's Church Funds c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Barwash, E. Sx. tel: (0435) 882219.

DEATHS

MADAME Michel Hollard, son épouse, ses enfants: Madame Francine Hollard ses enfants et petits enfants: Monsieur et Madame Florian Hollard, leurs enfants et petits enfants: les familles Hollard, Mopod, Gounelle, Molinas: parents et alliés ont la tristesse de faire part du décès de Monsieur Michel Hollard Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur croix de guerre 1914-18 croix de guerre 1939-45 rosette de la Résistance Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) survenu dans sa 96ème année. L'inhumation a eu lieu dans la plus stricte intimité à Gorzès (Hérault). Le réseau AGIR a la tristesse de faire part du décès du Colonel Michel Hollard qui créa et commanda le réseau AGIR pendant la seconde guerre mondiale. Le Colonel Michel Hollard a créé et commandé pendant la 2ème guerre mondiale le réseau AGIR dont l'action a été décisive pour la cause alliée. Avec son réseau il a notamment découvert la plupart des bases de lancement buls l'arme du V.1 elle-même, avant sa mise en service, permettant aux forces alliées de réduire par l'aviation l'oppositif du terrible potentiel de cette arme et de sauver Londres et sa région.

DEATHS

MAUDE - On 21st July 1993, peacefully at home, Hester Joan, aged 90 years, widow of Brigadier Kit Maude, much loved mother of Gillian, Priscilla and Elizabeth and grandmother of Alexandra, Rupert, Andrew, Victoria, William and Ben. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Old Heathfield, at 3 pm on Thursday 29th July.

TRAVERS - Holly Rose, on July 21st 1993 peacefully after 77 days life, daughter of Iain and Deborah. A small but very special contribution to their lives. Much loved by all including the staff at the S.C.B.U. at The Portland Hospital.

WALSH - On July 21 1993, peacefully from cancer at home in Sussex, Elizabeth Madeleine wife of Dermot, mother of Elisabeth and Olivia and the late Madeleine. Daughter of Douglas and Beryl Armour. Requiem Mass at our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 291 New Road, Saltash on Wednesday July 28th at 12.30pm, followed by interment at St Stephen-by-Saltash. Inquiries to Messrs. Walter C Parson: Tel: 0752 668438.

WHEELER - Peacefully at a nursing home in Nottingham on Thursday 22nd July 1993, The Reverend Michael Wheeler, formerly of Thetford, Norfolk. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Tuesday 27th July at 11 am, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or AN INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased persons concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Notice of appointment of liquidator

Voluntary winding up Members Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1891189.
Name of company: John McCormack Marketing Associates Ltd.
Nature of business: Marketing.
Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 184 -192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ.
Type of Liquidation: Members Voluntary.
Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002696. Be whom appointed: The Members.
Date: 15 July 1993

FLATSHARE

BARONS COURT 2 mins tube, prof F, n/s, single rm to shared inc 3 bed flat. £75 pw. Tel: After 7pm 071 381 6944

BLOOMSBURY Own double room, large bright and spacious flat, newly decorated, gas coal marble fire, central heating, double glazing, own phone £480 pcm incl 071 242 7711

CHISWICK Prof n/s, n/p, dbl bdrm, use 2 bth rms, all mod cons. £75 pw. 081 994 2167

FLATSHARE

EAST FINCHLEY Non smoker to share delightful garden flat w/ bike, own large room, central heating, washing machine etc £70 pw call 071 734 0511 ext 221, 081 444 5319

FLATMATES London's foremost (Est 1970) Professional flat sharing service, 071-589 9491

KENSINGTON W8. Prof. lady, 20's n/s to shr lge 2 bed flat. £360pcm+bills 370 4464 (eve)

KIRS Lge rm to let in quiet ch flat. Use of k & b long let £75 pw. 071 370 2446 (eves).

NOTTING HILL Prof pers share with 1 other bright 1st flr balc flat. £90 pw inc. 071-229 0180

RIVERSIDE Fun household City 5 mins. Own v lge rm in luxury house, n/s, n/p, terrace, £85pw inc. 071 987 0266.

SW7 congenial 3rd flatmate m/s for sunny flat nr Kens Glos. o/r £81pw exc. Must like my dog! 071 584 9788 after 7pm

SW18 2 double rooms in lovely 3 storey house with garden. Suit prof m/f non-smokers and cat lovers.all rent cons. From £320 pcm. Tel: 081-871 0877

W.BORWOOD N/s fem to share flat 5 min BR £330 pcm incl. bills. Tel 081 761 1022.

WILLESDEN GREEN Prof n/s f. share spacious flat, 5 mins tube £300pcm. 081 452 4016 eves.

TICKETS FOR SALE

ALL AVAIL. Sunset, Phantom, Les Mis, Saigon, U2 VIP seats, Joseph, Cats. 071 497 1407

ALL BEST TICKETS. Sunset, Phantom, Saigon, Madonna U2 All short. 071 839 2122 ofc.

TICKETS FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE
When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment. Most sports tickets are subject to strict re-sale and transfer rules.

ALL TICKETS
Madonna, McCartney
FA Charity Shield
Isms, U2, Prince
Pricos, Phantom, Sunset
Joseph, Crazy For You
All pop, sport & theatre
071 323 4480
BACKSTAGE ENTERTAINMENTS LTD
Pop - Theatre & Sport
Ticket Specialists
NOW BOOKING
Prince, U2, Diana Dunn, Meadows, Paul McCartney, Take That & Many More, Phantom of The Opera, Sunset Boulevard, Cricket, Miss Saigon, Les Miserables, All major sporting events incl. Charity Shield, Man Utd V Arsenal, Embrace V Manic Levels V Bruno GALL NOW FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE.
071 689 0026
Free Delivery in Central London.

ALL Tickets. Sunset, Phantom, Saigon, Football, Cricket, Boxing. All Concerts & gold and events. Tel 071 287 2709/2701 Fax 071 734 0860.

TICKETS FOR SALE

ALL TICKETS. Phantom daily. Les Mis, Cats, Sunset Blvd, Saigon, Crazy For You. 071 706 0363 or 0366

ALL TICKETS Phantom, Sunset & all other hard cut events. Tel 071 839 8363 Fax 071 839 4367.

ALL TICKETS. All theatre, sports, and concerts available. 071 439 1683.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PIANO SALE Select from 100's of Uprights, Grand and Digital Pianos (new & reconditioned). Hire with option to buy from just £20 per month. Marleson Pianos. Est.1910. Tel 071 935 8682 with branches throughout London.

RENTALS

THE VERY BEST Landlords & Tenants come to us for BELGRAVIA, HAMPSTEAD, KENSINGTON & WIMBLEDON and similar areas
Phone Now
BIRCH & CO
071 - 734 7432
ARLA MEMBER

A.M.A. INTERNATIONAL Luxury flats for long, short or holiday lets. Mayfair, Marble Arch and Hyde Park: 071 724 4841

ACADEMICS visiting. Flats available in British Museum, Holm Wilson 071 580 6878.

RENTALS

ALLEN BATES & CO have a selection of furnished flats, 2 bedrooms upwards in Central London area. Available for late 1 week lets. From £260pw plus. 071-436 6666.

APT W1/Knightsb Elc elevator, 4 bd 2 b 3 rec let £695pw/ less/£800 short 07172463611

ARE YOU visiting London? Central Estates have numerous flats and houses available from £280 pw. 071-491-3609.

ASK THE LONG/SHORT LET SPECIALISTS. The largest selection of 1-4 bed flats & houses. Mayfair, Marble Arch, Knightsbridge, all interior designed. Please call us First Connaught Props.071 727 3080

AT W14 excellent 2 bdrm hse lge recpn, good kit & bath, gdn £230 pw 081 444 6665

AT W1 super 2 bdrm flat exc Udrs, good kit & bth. £280 pw another 1 bdrm flat Mayfair value £185 pw 081 444 1166

BARBICAN Unfurnished apartments for rent, rents from approx £110.00pw which include all services and background heating. Daytime call 071 628 4848 or 071 628 4841 Evenings call 071 628 4572

BATTERSEA conveniently situated large 3 bedroom mais, luxury kitchen, 2 recs, modern. £187 pw. Tel 0424 830660

BELGRAVIA Lge 2 dbl bed mews house dining room, gf kit £300pw 071 381 4990.

BLACKHEATH (Gardens). Delightful top floor 1 bed modern apt. Recently redecorated, dbl bed, f/f kit. CH/W. Conv. Grn, Short Let £125pw Tel 071 702 7133 (Debbie Howard)

CHELSEA Bright 1 dbl bed flat int dec flat, f/f kit wm/bl centrh gdns £230pw 071 221 2461

RENTALS

CHISWICK Mod spac 5 bed 3 bath roof hse. F/f kit, gdn conservatory, close BR & tube £600pw Dorsy, 071 379 4816

CITY O/Look river 1, 2 & 3 bed flats. 24hr porter & pkng Prop £200pw 081 440 0040 1

CORNWALL GDNS SW7 Lovely brtst 2 bed flat in gentrification. Gge recep, goodbath, f/f kit £310pw pcg F W Capp 071 245 0984

EARLSLEY CRES SW5 Immac 1 bd top floor flat, sunny recep, f/f kit, bath + pwr shwr & lge bed £200pw incs F W Capp 071 245 0984

FLEET ST Cosy prof s rent superb position flat/office, plus stge. £180pw 071 353 5199

FW GAPP (Management Services) Ltd Reserve properties in central, south & west London areas for waiting applicants. Tel: 071-243 0764.

HAMPSTEAD Hr Heath 4 dbl bed apartment, 2 baths, 2 recepts, parking, newly decorated just view £595pw 071 409 3572 or 071 482 1880

HARROW ON HILL 2 lovely flats in Regency Mansion from £120pw Owner 081 998 0021

HENRY & JAMES Contact us now on 071-235 8061 for the best selection of furnished flats and houses to rent in Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Chelsea.

KENSINGTON SW7. Luxury double bed flat for let in exclusive Garden Square. £260 pw. Tel: 071 373 9084

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Overlooking Gardens Spacious bright well dec 4 furn studio flat £180pw 071 221 5244

MARBLE ARCH Mayfair Sq. Very spacious quiet suite in gdn area, 2-4 beds, 2 baths. £400 pw or share own suite £75-£85 pw. 071 706 0884

هكذا من الأصل

OBITUARIES

RAUL GARDINI

Raul Gardini, Italian entrepeneur and yachtsman, committed suicide in Milan on July 23 aged 60. He was born in Ravenna on June 7, 1933.



Raul Gardini on board Il Moro di Venezia in 1990

RAUL GARDINI turned the Ferruzzi group — once a provinical family business — into Italy's second largest private company, after Fiat. In a country where a few powerful families have traditionally dominated the business landscape, the hitherto obscure Ferruzzi clan became, in a space of ten years, celebrities on the scale of the *Pirellis*. *But Gardini's cavalier* expansion drive during the mid-1980s' equities boom eventually left the company saddled with $20 billion of debt.

Gardini was known in Italian finance as *Il Contadino*, politely translated as "the farmer" or less so as "the peasant". While, in his company's heyday, Gardini was said to enjoy the epithet — "it symbolises many of our values" — the suggestion earlier this year of sharp business practice led the Italian press to change it to the less complimentary *Il Corsaro* — "the pirate".

But in the late 1980s Gardini was seen as a symbol of successful modern Italy. Expensively dressed, permanently sun-tanned and never without a Camel cigarette, he enjoyed living in a style calculated to provoke comment. He commuted from apartments in Rome and Milan, and a palace on the Grand Canal in Venice, to the firm's headquarters — a Renaissance palazzo in Ravenna on the Adriatic coast — which he had decorated in the style of an English country house (Barbours, tweed caps and Burberrys in the entrance hall). Photographed at the helm of some of the world's fastest yachts, Gardini went on to spend $100 million on one — Il Moro di Venezia — intended to win the America's Cup.

Gardini's father was a wealthy, authoritarian Ravenna landowner and his son determined to do things differently. Business was always in his blood but he did not excel at school, never gained a mathematics qualification and quickly dropped out of Bologna University. He was taken on instead by his father's best friend, Serafino Ferruzzi — a successful grain-merchant who made his fortune trading in cheap barley and wheat from Algeria and the Soviet Union after the second world war — and, in 1957, married his employer's daughter, Idina. Like Alan Bond, whose marriage gave him the collateral to start in property, Gardini was made by the match: Ferruzzi's own son had no head for business, and for 20 years Gardini was his employer's right-hand man and heir apparent.

Their relationship was not always smooth: after one argument, Gardini turned Ferruzzi out of his car and left him stranded by the roadside to hitchike to a meeting. But when Ferruzzi died in a plane crash in 1979, his will unequivocally named Gardini as his successor.

The Ferruzzi company's roots were in agriculture: it owned two and a half million acres of land in Europe and America — growing corn, sugar beet, coffee, rubber and citrus fruit, as well as raising 100,000 cattle a year. With Gardini as chairman, the company — fast becoming a one-man empire — launched a series of aggressive take-over bids, including, in 1986, a successful one for Montedison, the chemicals and financial services group. That year Ferruzzi's revenues topped $8 billion and the company became Europe's biggest sugar conglomerate, grain and cereals trader, and its largest producer of corn starch.

But as the empire grew, so did Gardini's arrogance. In 1990, with company debts spiralling out of control, family shareholders stepped in to prevent him from taking over the state share in Enimont — a joint venture between the state-owned Enichem Chemicals Company and Montedison. *Montedison's share was sold instead to* ENI — Enichem's parent company — at a considerable profit, but Gardini was furious at being sidelined in this way. The following year, in what looked like a calculated insult to the Italian political establishment, he resigned as chairman of Ferruzzi, appointing his 22-year-old son, Ivan, as his successor.

Gardini had always turned to the sea to escape the pressures of the business world. Now he left for San Diego to launch a campaign to win the America's Cup. A sailor from the age of 12 *when he began racing Lightning* and Finn dinghies, he graduated to become the Maxi world champion in 1988 and to win the right to challenge for the America's Cup in 1992.

Sponsored by Montedison, he launched an extravagant campaign to win the cup and make the chemical giant a household name in America. Three million dollars was spent on the launch of the first of five America's Cup yachts (all to be called Il Moro di Venezia). And, though the campaign cost over $100 million, the family group spent more buying up the best technology companies within the marine industry and setting up the most advanced composite manufacturing plant in the world at Venice, where his boats were built.

The axe on the boat-building company fell shortly after Il Moro di Venezia III won the America's Cup *world championship in 1991* — a warm-up for the main event in 1992 — beating the favourites from New Zealand and the US. Had Gardini's crew not won, then the axe would almost certainly have fallen on the project, too. Gardini, however, was allowed to continue leading his cup campaign into the finals. The Ferruzzi family, however, cut off all extra spending. For the last year of the campaign the designers went unpaid and all research and development was halted.

Remarkably, Gardini's crew came *from behind in the Challenge finals to* beat the New Zealanders for the right to race against Bill Koch's America³ but lost the series.

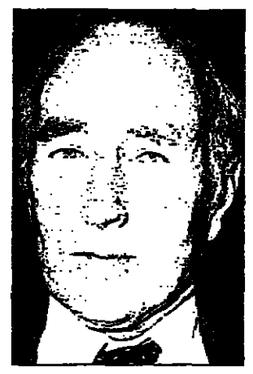
Gardini had returned to Italy in 1991 with a new business plan, which would have put him in sole control of the Ferruzzi empire. The family rallied together and rejected the plan — only Gardini's wife supported him. She then sold her 23 per cent stake in the business and the couple walked away with a deal worth, in cash and assets — including the yachts — $500 million. Gardini set up a new company, trading in food stuffs and mineral water. The Ferruzzi group was forced to put itself into the hands of the banks.

Since February the "Clean Hands" corruption investigation has been looking into allegations that Enimont was overvalued in 1990 when the transaction with Gardini took place, and that *the company paid out $40 million in* bribes to the Christian Democrats and Socialists.

Raul Gardini is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

SIR JOHN LANGFORD-HOLT

Sir John Langford-Holt, Conservative MP for Shrewsbury, 1945-83, died in a London nursing home on July 23 aged 77. He was born on June 30, 1916.



WHEN he was first elected for Shrewsbury in the Labour landslide of 1945, John Langford-Holt was, at 29, one of the youngest Members of Parliament. Thirty-eight years later, when he retired from the Commons in 1983, he sacrificed the chance of becoming Father of the House — the title going instead to James (now Lord) Callaghan, who had also first being elected at the 1945 election.

John Anthony Langford-Holt was a young lieutenant *commander in the Fleet Air* Arm when originally chosen as its prospective candidate by the Shrewsbury Conservative Association. Legend has it that he appeared before the selection committee with a patch over his eye and his arm in a sling. Whether overcome by this heroic vision or not — in fact he had crashed his plane a few weeks earlier flying down on weekend leave from Lossiemouth — the Shrewsbury Tories had no hesitation in selecting him as their standard-bearer (he was to fight, in all, 11 general election campaigns on their behalf). *But there were other solid* reasons for his initial adoption. His grandfather had been mayor of Shrewsbury, his family lived in the town and he himself had been educated at Shrewsbury School.

At first Langford-Holt had intended to follow a military career, going from Shrewsbury to Sandhurst and being commissioned into one of the Welsh regiments. It was only *when the Fleet Air Arm* advertised for pilots in 1938 that he transferred into the Royal Navy as a member of its Air Branch. He stayed with it throughout the second world war, serving with a Hurricane squadron during the Battle of Britain, taking part in the attacks on both the *Tirpitz* and the *Bismarck* and finally giving air cover to the Arctic convoys sailing to Russia.

At Westminster Langford-Holt, though he always championed the interests of ex-servicemen, remained recognisably a product of the Silent Service. Never exactly in the intellectual vanguard of his party, he tended to keep his own counsel on most political matters while taking care to perform conscientiously as a constituency MP. (He was never happy when — as over capital punishment, which he consistently opposed — he was forced to go against the wishes of his constituents.)

Knighted by Harold Mac*millan in 1962, he effortlessly* qualified as one of "the knights of the shires" who in those days provided the ballast for the Conservative party in Parliament. If he had ever held ambitions for office — and from 1945 to 1950 he had served as secretary of the Tory backbench labour committee — they were soon put behind him. Instead, his energies were devoted to such bodies as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of both of which he became a pillar. He was, as he used to like to say, "proud of being a *moderate*". *It was characteris*tic of him that his Labour "pair" should have been Harold (now Lord) Lever.

But in his last few years in the House he played a more active role as chairman of the Select Committee on Defence, set up in the wake of Norman St John-Stevas's reforms. He was leader of a defence committee delegation that visited the Falklands in advance of the war there and returned to the islands on another committee investigation once the Falklands war was over.

He also, at different times, served on the Commons Estimates and Public Expenditure committees. During his long period in Parliament he introduced one Private Member's Bill — designed to allow shops run by their owners to open on *Sundays — but, like later* reform proposals in this notoriously difficult area, it foundered.

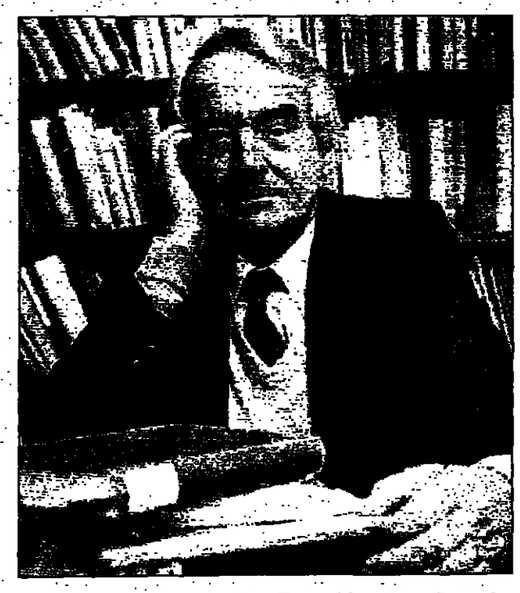
Langford-Holt was only 66 when he retired from the Commons and was by no means inactive in his retirement. His main political interest lay in reviving the fortunes of the Primrose League (founded in honour of Disraeli, one of his predecessors as Member for Shrewsbury) and he became Chancellor of the League in 1989 (it pleased him that it was an office previously held by Churchill). Without his efforts, and those of some *of his friends, it is doubtful if* the League would still be in existence — it was very much on its last legs when he took it over and he, more than anyone, put it back on its feet.

For most of his life Langford-Holt enjoyed very good health but he suffered a brain haemorrhage while travelling on a London bus just over a year ago. Since then he had been partially paralysed, spending the past 15 *months in various* nursing homes.

He was married four times and leaves a widow, Irené, together with a son and daughter of his second marriage.

SIR KEITH SINCLAIR

Sir Keith Sinclair, New Zealand historian, died in Canada on June 20 aged 70. He was born on December 5, 1922.



THE death of Sir Keith Sinclair will appear to end an era for many New Zealanders. Since opening his account as a writer in the 1950s Keith Sinclair had expanded his reputation as in many ways *the most representative figure* in the maturing of New Zealand's new sense of national identity. He exerted a cultural presence of high intensity, both as an historian (his professional métier) and also as a poet, critic, politician. He was, in his friend Eric McCormick's well-chosen words, "the country's senior *enfant terrible*".

No one did so many good and important things in the *making of the cultural con*sciousness of 20th-century New Zealand with such easy and genial authority as Sinclair. In his years as an historian at Auckland University he was foremost in establishing the genre of New Zealand history written by New Zealanders, within an academic awareness, emancipating itself from dependence on its British colonial inheritance.

His own *A History of New Zealand* (1959) is certainly Sinclair's *chef d'oeuvre* and, in the view of many best qualified to judge, the most influential book published in New Zealand by a New Zealander this century.

Sinclair got his genial authority from high intelligence (shared by several of his numerous siblings), trained by schooling at Mount Albert Grammar School and study at Auckland University College: and also from a working-class social provenance.

War service in the Army and then the Navy (coming out as a sub-lieutenant in 1946) proved a valuable preparation for the academic career which began in the Auckland history department in 1947.

Sinclair saw himself as of the generation formed in outlook by the aftermath of the first world war and by the experience of the Depression years and the second world war: these experiences he identified as the credentials of adult nationhood. His generation's task was to set new national bearings and create a fresh awareness of Antipodean human possibilities.

Already writers and critics such as Rex Fairburn and Alan and Charles Brasch and Frank Sargeson had given impetus to that creative push. Sinclair, along with his academic and literary collaborators, Robert Chapman and Kendrick Smithyman, added *his own special zest to the* enterprise. Academe, particularly its expansion in the years after the second world war, was crucially important in the *life and growth of a small* country.

As a lecturer and then a professor (1963-87) at Auckland, Sinclair was the gratified recipient of many awards for scholarship and poetry. He enjoyed visiting fellowships in the universities of London, Cambridge, and the Australian National University at Canberra. He published copiously and well. His biography of the New Zealand Labour leader Walter Nash won the National Book Award for Non-fiction 1977. No one could have been more appropriately selected as the historian of the University of Auckland (as it *had become) for its centenary* celebrations in 1983.

But Sinclair's range was never confined to the ivory tower. For a few weeks in 1967 he was the elected Labour MP for Eden, only to be narrowly denied his seat in parliament by late postal votes. He was knighted in 1985 for his services to literature and historical scholarship.

Sinclair's debut in historical scholarship was his brilliant *Origin of the Maori Wars* (1957); and perhaps his most important intellectual legacy will prove to be his writings and activities in the area of *Maori-Pakeha relations, and* especially in his later work on the Treaty of Waitangi of 1840, currently a subject of controversy in New Zealand.

Sir Keith died, sadly, shortly before the publication of his autobiography *Halfway Round the Harbour* on July 7. He married twice: first to Mary Land, by whom he had four sons; secondly to Raewyn Dalziel, a colleague in the Auckland history department.

SIR LESLIE MONSON

Sir Leslie Monson, KCMG, CB, former British High Commissioner in Zambia, died on July 3 aged 81. He was born on May 28, 1912.

WHEN President Kenneth Kaunda led Northern Rhodesia into independence as the *new republic of Zambia* nearly 30 years ago, he is said to have placed a special request with Whitehall: that Leslie Monson become the first British High Commissioner.

Monson was regarded as the perfect civil servant — a meticulous, conscientious administrator, yet also endowed with considerable diplomatic skill. His appointment to the new post in Lusaka reflected the rapport he had established *with emerging states in Africa* and their leaders.

William Bonnar Leslie Monson was born in Edinburgh, the son of a tax inspector whose family roots lay partly in Northern Ireland. But his father died young and Monson made his way in the world largely through his own ability and hard work. After winning a scholarship to Edinburgh Academy, he won another to Hertford College, Oxford.

He entered the old Dominions Office in 1935 and four years later was transferred to the Colonial Office, with *which he spent most of his* subsequent career. Promoted to assistant secretary in 1944, he was seconded in 1947 as chief secretary to the West African Council, an organisation which had been founded some years before to promote co-operation between Britain's colonies in the region.

After four years with the council, based in Accra, he returned to Whitehall as an assistant under-secretary and remained there for the next 13 years, specialising in economics, particularly the commodities trade in Africa. He went to Zambia in 1964, was knighted in the following year (he had been appointed CMG in 1950 and CB in 1954), returning to London in 1966.

His final appointment was that of a deputy secretary in the *Foreign and Common*wealth Office, coping among other things with the crisis over Southern Rhodesia and its 1965 Unilateral Declaration of Independence before retiring in 1972.



Monson did not vanish into obscurity. In 1973, the year after he left the FCO, he sat on a commission looking into the future of what were then the *Gilbert and Ellice Islands* (now the independent countries of Kiribati and Tuvalu), a mission which included canoe trips over the reefs of some of the more remote communities. In 1975 he also published a well-received study on the process of de-colonisation — a subject on which he was by then an acknowledged authority.

But the work with which he was most closely associated in retirement followed his appointment in 1976 to the voluntary post of director of overseas relations for the St John Ambulance Brigade, a job (usually filled by a former Commonwealth envoy like himself) which involved liaising with St John Ambulance branches in nearly 40 countries. Among his innovations *was a series of regional semi*nars, the first of which was held at Singapore in 1978 for the St John units in the Far East. He was made a Knight of St John in 1975.

Monson, a reserved, pipe-smoking diplomat with a taste for Latin and Greek tags, also took an active interest in local history around his Blackheath home in southeast London. He could sometimes seem austere to those who did not know him *— but appeared as kind and* friendly to those who did. He possessed an engaging sense of humour.

He often cited an early example of racial equality from the time when he was working for the West African Council in Accra. The producer of an amateur operatic society which was performing *The Pirates of Penzance* was so concerned not to upset half of his audience that he endowed Major-General Stanley ("the very model of a modern major-general") with precisely six white daughters and six black ones.

*Sir Leslie Monson is sur*vived by his wife Isobel, whom he met when she was working for the British Council in West Africa. He was actually occupying a British Council house which she felt should be rightly hers. Monson, ever the perfect diplomat, discreetly moved out and their relationship blossomed from then on. They were married by the Bishop of Accra in 1948. They had no children.

RENTALS

FREE LIST
Rooms/Studios/Flats & houses
All areas. £30pw-£1,000pw
071 713 7134

PROPERTIES OF THE DAY
Bsmt rm £85 081 441 6885
Bsmt 2b £180 0708 226925
E1 1b £70 0532 316868
E1 1bd £180 071 247 6420
E2 4b £90 081 980 7696
E4 1b £110 081 529 4631
E10 2b £115 071 289 6882
E11 3b £139 081 801 3863
E2 1 rm £55 081 559 2711
E17 rm £55 081 509 2722
EC1 1b £160 071 833 2182
EC1 2b £175 0708 225869
Ellsm 2b £140 081 398 8755
Kingsto 2b £150 081 570 6118
N1 2b £200 0440 83273
N1 3b £280 081 946 6742
N3 2b £145 081 343 0008
N4 1b £110 071 359 1108
N5 and £100 071 704 9908
N8 3b £230 081 346 5611
N19 3b £180 071 485 3175
N19 2b £140 0836 624021
NW1 1b £130 0836 812106
NW3 2b £275 081 449 2313
NW6 2b £200 071 794 7299
NW6 3b £280 081 349 4944
NW10 2b £140 081 969 0122
NW10 1b £128 081 969 0122
NW10 sh £75 081 749 0969
SE4 1b £115 081 691 3438
SE8 2b £250 0923 776842
SE11 1b £100 071 582 8784
SE18 3b £250 071 708 0497
SE18 4b £130 081 771 8412
SE23 3b £200 081 852 9429
Stnlto 2b £170 0372 842385
SW1 sh £80 071 628 6827
SW1 1b £286 071 736 9804
SW1 1b £136 071 834 4949
SW2 3b £127 081 671 1131
SW3 sha £120 0744 34631
SW3 2bd £210 071 244 6765
SW6 rm £70 071 600 1300
SW10 1b £198 071 352 1608
SW15 2b £175 0579 721004
SW15 2bd £99 081 788 8323
SW15 4b £299 081 971 3971
TW11 1b £95 081 943 1475
Wdgrn 4b £200 691 396 8755
Witney 3b £195 0483 772385
W2 3b £300 081 668 1679
W4 2b £104 081 995 5583
W5 1b £120 081 840 8419
W5 3b £145 0895 442302
W6 3b £220 0836 622938
W12 2bd £75 081 993 4390
W14 2b £165 081 937 6704

RENTALS

MAYFAIR Fabulous 3 dbl bed maisonette, drawing room leading to garden, separate patio, 3 baths, newly decorated. Furn. Must view £550pw 071 409 3372 or 071 495 1260

NORTHWOOD New luxe apt. L/L lounge 3 bed, 2 baths (en suite) all mod cons, secure park, tube and shops walking distance. Tel:0923 825775.

SW1 6 mins Vict, exptnl lux flat with piano, 1 bdrm (2 twin beds), bthrm, recep/kit/din. D/w, dryr, freezer, phone, TV, wm/dr, gch, Non Smoke. Prof. £180 pw. 081 748 4133 day, yrs/eve 081 995 4602.

FLATS TO LET

BATTERSEA - Lovely furnished 2 bedroom, dbl. £170pw. Tel: 071- 607 6968.

W1/W1 Spac new dec studio flat, lux block £130pw. Tel:071 580 6661 (eves).

WANTED

WANTED Large wardrobes, bookcases, desk tables and all old furniture 071 729 7062

YOUR WILL
If you are making your will please think of BLESMA. We care for all ex-service men and women who have lost limbs in the service of this country.
Enquiries to
The Chairman, British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, c/o Midland Bank plc, 60 West Smithfield, London EC1A.

ANIMALS IN NEED
Please help us give compassionate care in disease and destitution to cats and dogs and those whose owners have died or are seriously ill. Our sanctuary provides daily home calls for sick, old & disabled, service in the poorer city areas. We rely on legacies, donations and your support.
Donations to:
WOODGREEN ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST, Blandford, Plymouth PL7 4JD (Reg. Charity No 258788)

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION
THE HEART RESEARCH CHARITY
We're leading the fight against heart disease by funding research into its causes, prevention and treatment. Please send a donation to your nearest office (see Yellow Pages) or to the
British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH

DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANTATION THEIR ONLY HOPE
Life saving treatment is known but unavailable through lack of funds and donor kidneys to thousands of Britain's kidney patients.
Please help us grant a reprieve for some of them this year.
Donations to:
THE BRITISH KIDNEY PATIENT ASSOCIATION
Bromham, Bedford

You helped us in ASSOCIATION now help us in ACTION

London Association for the Blind has changed its name. Now we're working even harder to provide better services to blind or partially sighted people: at our care homes, through employment or cash help for those in need.
A donation or covenant now and a legacy later will make it all possible.
action for blind people
Ref.TT,14-16 Verney Road, London SE16 3DZ. Telephone: 071-732 8771
London Association for the Blind Registered Charity No.205913

Will Power to lift the shadow of diabetes
and the link with
- Kidney disease
- Shortened life span
- Heart disease
- Amputations
- Blindness

All these are closely connected with Diabetes. As the leading contributor to research we must find the cure for this still incurable disease. *Your legacy will be a* 'forever' reminder of *your will to help us defeat diabetes.*
BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION
10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 215199
THE SORROW OF DIABETES

PERSONAL COLUMN

S.A. FARMERS IN VALE OF EVESHAM.

PRAISE AND CRITICISM.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Their hosts in the Vale of Evesham during the week-end were given at least one surprise by the South African farmers. The visitors had never seen growing hops. They were anxious to know what was picked, and some suggested the leaves. When explanations had been given, a lady of the party asked how the pickers got at the hops that were "on the top branches." This part of the tour was much enjoyed, but too much ground was covered and impressions can have been but fleeting. Mr. Paget Norbury's fruit plantations pleased them when they went over them on Friday, but the Evesham market did not teach them a great deal. The display of fruit and vegetables was below the average, and even the early plums, Prolifics, were a sample which could not be expected to arouse any enthusiasm. Through hailstone havoc the plums are rotting on the trees and the stuff marketed is poor.

The visitors were polite. "You can grow anything in England," one of them said: "we have seen no better farming anywhere—but your system of marketing is all wrong. How is it," he asked, "that a ton of stuff can be brought from Holland for 5s. 6d. and the same quantity cost 15s. for conveyance from Evesham to London?" He was told that railway rates had been a burning question in the Vale for 40 years. He offered no comment upon this, but, if his face told anything it was that the criticism he withheld was for the market gardener rather than the railway.

On Captain J. Bomford's farm at Fladbury there was much of interest to be seen. It was explained that Captain Bomford found an immense amount of work awaiting him on his return from the war, but that he had put things straight, and improved the pre-war farm out of all recognition. He showed some wonderful lettuce, the crop being set between young raspberries. Fields of kidney beans in brilliant scarlet and white made a pretty sight.

At Hanley Castle, at Chapel Farm, the visitors inspected Mr. E. Stevens's Hereford herd, grazing on pasture that looked good enough for tennis court turf. Asked how he got such grass, Mr. Stevens said that when he started farming he could not tell why his stock did not eat certain grass, and was told that it was not sweet enough. "What would make it sweet?" was the question he had to answer. Lime would do it, he thought, and so he limed and limed——with highly satisfactory results. Bunches of beautiful bull and heifer calves were housed in sheds knee-deep in clean straw. The bulls shown included Pershore Smiles, the Royal champion. Three huge silo kilns were seen on the farm, and big Dutch barns were there waiting for the problematic hay crop. Many times the remark, "This isn't run at a profit" was made. That seemed obvious, but men like Mr. Stevens do an extraordinary amount of good in the improvement of the cattle of the country. The visitors were given cards and each was asked to name a bull calf to mark the occasion, an invitation to which there was a ready response.

ON THIS DAY

July 26 1927

On a visit to the Vale of Evesham one of these South African farmers remarked: "You can grow anything in England but your system of marketing is all wrong."

NEWS

Major gaffe endangers Tory truce

■ The fragile truce between John Major and the Tory Eurosceptics was in danger of collapse after he bracketed three right-wing cabinet ministers with the backbench "bastards" spreading "poison" against his leadership.

As a storm erupted over the leaking of Mr Major's remarks, right-wing Tories hit back angrily and other backbenchers complained that Mr Major's gaffe had snuffed out any lingering hopes of halting a Liberal Democrat landslide in Thursday's Christchurch by-election ..... **Pages 1, 2, 6, 14**

Israel launches huge air strike

■ Israeli warplanes unleashed a fierce retaliatory air attack against Islamic militants across Lebanon, provoking a bitter round of tit-for-tat violence that threatened to plunge the Israeli-Lebanese border into a war zone ..... **Pages 1, 12, 15**

School 'hit squads'

Ministers are to rush through plans to send in "hit squads" to take over the worst schools in the country after the education bill completes its passage through parliament today ..... **Page 1**

Kidney failure

London hospitals are allowing their kidney machines to stand idle for much of each week while patients with kidney failure are dying because they cannot get treatment. Thirteen of the 16 hospitals that provide dialysis have spaces on their machines that are not being taken up ..... **Page 3**

Healthy profit

Manufacturers are profiting from the healthy image of natural yoghurt and fromage frais while luring children with heavily sweetened products, it is claimed by Britain's leading independent food watchdog ..... **Page 3**

Asian support

Winston Churchill, the Conservative MP for Davyhulme, claimed to have received support from British Asians for his demand that a crackdown on "racketeering in bogus arranged marriages" should be a priority in curbing immigration ..... **Page 2**

BBC enquiry

The BBC has launched an enquiry into allegations that its staff, who surreptitiously recorded a private conversation in which the prime minister referred to troublemakers as "bastards", leaked the material ..... **Page 2**

Irish warning

Relations between Britain and Ireland worsened when Dick Spring, Dublin's foreign minister, warned that Westminster should not set up a Commons select committee for Northern Ireland ..... **Page 2**

Mother's action

A mother is launching an unprecedented court action seeking compensation for her child, alleged to have suffered permanent brain damage while in the care of a registered child minder ..... **Page 3**

Quit threat

Paul Condon, Britain's top police officer, said he might find it difficult to continue in his post if the Sheehy recommendations on pay and conditions were implemented in full ..... **Page 5**

China warned

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, told China that the US had "disturbing evidence" Peking had made shipments of parts for medium-range missiles to Pakistan ..... **Page 10**

Dollar economy

President Castro is preparing legislation to allow citizens to possess US dollars, until now a serious crime ..... **Page 10**

UN base hit

At least four tank rounds slammed into a UN base in Sarajevo just after a new ceasefire was to have silenced the big guns long enough to allow peace talks to resume in Geneva ..... **Page 11**

Robot nose scents cattle sickness

■ A robot nose able to detect cows with bad breath is being developed by British engineers, giving credence to old farmers' tales which claim a heifer's breath holds clues to her health. The research, being funded by the agriculture and food research council, is part of a wider trend towards automation — from robot crop-pickers to a robot milkmaid ..... **Page 5**



Home and away: Jean-Pierre Bernès waving to Marseilles fans before resigning over an alleged bribery scandal. Report, page 24

SPORTS

Cricket: England were 237 for the loss of four wickets at the close of play on the fourth day of the fourth Test between England and Australia at Headingley ..... **Page 19**

Yachting: "He is not difficult to spot. A big bear of a man with a shambling gait, wearing a Stars and Stripes shirt as voluminous as a spinnaker. Big Bad Dennis is in town" — Andrew Longmore meets America's Cup legend, Dennis Connor ..... **Page 24**

Cycling: Miguel Indurain of Spain won his third consecutive Tour de France title when the race ended in Paris. Djamolidine Abdoujaparov of Uzbekistan took the 20th stage, his third of the race ..... **Page 26**

BUSINESS

On the rack: The European monetary system faces a crunch week as pressure grows on the Bundesbank to cut interest rates to protect the *franc fort*. The trouble is Germany has a persistent inflationary problem ..... **Page 36; Tempus, Page 34**

Tax penalty: Football clubs could face tens of thousands of pounds in tax bills as the Inland Revenue clamps down on payments in the game, according to accountants Touche Ross ..... **Page 36**

Maxwell costs: MPs will today express "extreme concern" that legal and accounting fees associated with the collapse of the Robert Maxwell empire might exceed £100 million ..... **Page 36**

Raine clouds: Shackled to their stately homes, the aristocracy have been having a hard time. The legacy of Raine Spencer, now Countess of Chambrun, is a symptom of the trouble ..... **Page 12**

Dream world: "Haute couture makes nonsense of the real world. The clothes are born, live and breathe in a bubble." Iain R. Webb on the designers who make dreams come true ..... **Page 13**

School's in: The final chapter will be written today in the year-long saga to transform schooling. John O'Leary explains what the new Education Bill will mean .. **Page 31**

Unstorming the Bastille? Hugues Gall, France's newly announced commander-in-chief of opera, talks to John Higgins about his plans for *la vie lyrique* in France, and in particular about how to restore artistic glory to the troubled opera houses of Paris ..... **Page 27**

True colours: A self-portrait of a 15-year-old unmarried mother, first of BBC 2's *Teenage Diaries* of contemporary British youth, proved a surprise to Lynne Truss ... **Page 28**

Armchair travel: Recent travel writing, including Geoffrey Moorhouse, Mark Lawson, Tim Cahill and Zbigniew Herbert ..... **Page 29**

The octogenerian travel writer, Norman Lewis, ventures into a remote area of Indonesia and finds a tribe still living in the Stone Age: *Travellers' Tales: The Time Traveller* (Channel 4, 9pm) ..... **Page 35**

New Maastricht crisis

The real threat to Maastricht is the possible collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism; and the resolution of this crisis has only been postponed. The market judges the economic tensions too strong and the commitment too weak to sustain the convergence process ... **Page 15**

Relative values

Scientists are no more likely to be free of human foible and weakness than composers or writers. It is no surprise that Einstein too was prey to earthier passions ..... **Page 15**

Israel's retaliation

Hezbollah guerrillas aimed to provoke Israeli retaliation and sabotage the peace process. They have succeeded in the first, but not necessarily the second. But frustrating their calculations will take courage, restraint and vision ..... **Page 15**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Maastricht treaty is a broad extension of the powers of the European Commission, and is therefore objectionable to Germans who think like Dr Brunner, and of Frenchmen who think like M Séguin. It has nevertheless had the benefit of making many of those who want a broader, democratic Europe of autonomous nations aware that they are part of a wider European movement ..... **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

The future of the Major government will depend not only on the deep tensions within the Tory party (the "bastards" and all that), but also on whether the government has anything to say ..... **Page 14**

Readers discuss Lord Rees-Mogg's legal challenge to the government over Maastricht ..... **Page 15**

The North American Free Trade Association isn't an economic magic bullet, but it does no great harm
— The New York Times

If Iraq ever adopts the normal standards of international behaviour, the sanctions will be lifted. Until then it is on parole
— The Washington Post

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Diana Maddock, the Lib-Dem candidate in Christchurch is poised to overturn the Tories' 23,000 majority, according to two weekend surveys **Page 6**



Damon Hill was close to winning the German grand prix, leading the field comfortably, when he blew a tyre in the penultimate lap **Pages 19, 20**



Norman Shwarzkopf, America's Gulf war hero, is portrayed as a bad-tempered and ill-mannered general in a controversial new book on the conflict **Page 1**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Sink the Titanic

■ They stack the videoshop shelves. They are the films nobody wants to see. But Hollywood still keeps making movies like *Raise the Titanic*

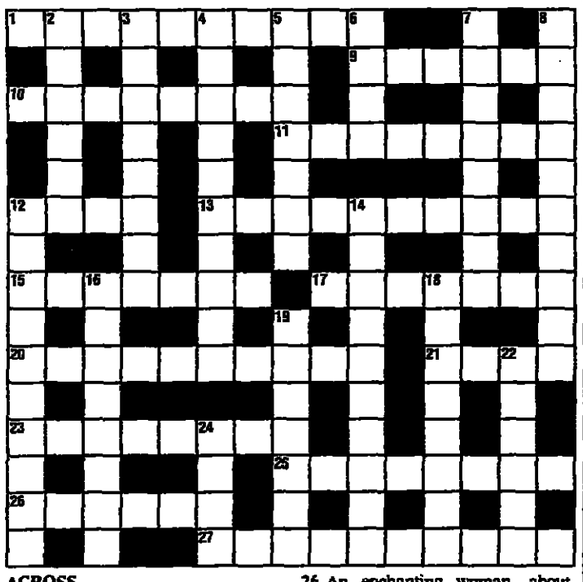
Perambulating punters

■ Promenade performances can be very embarrassing for theatregoers. There are no seats, no name-tags for the actors and no rules. So why do theatres risk staging plays in which audience and cast are one?

The gravy train rolls on

■ With litigation over the BCCI collapse set to continue into the next century, criticism of lawyers — and their fees — is becoming increasingly harsh

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,292



ACROSS

1 No high-living individual asks for minced fish (10).
9 French article about a youngster in need of clothing (6).
10 Exceptionally self-conscious people (8).
11 Fence gives friend odd ideas (8).
12 Having written hurried note, made a phone-call (4).
13 Peerless area of London? Far from it! (5,5).
15 A quarter of the quiz will be most undemanding (7).
17 She entertains those odd characters with a certain craft (7).
20 Mediocre judge is after support (6-4).
21 Erect back (4).
23 Exact bill a minister presented (8).
25 Some retired reverential holy man — a monk (8).
26 An enchanting woman, about fifty, in society (6).
27 Sort of fruit raised by the old miner (10).

DOWN

2 Her Majesty's place in Canada (6).
3 Gaunt ramblers in ramshackle hut given no guidance (8).
4 Not at all happy after a visit to the hairdresser? (10).
5 Enliven much-liked feature of the church (7).
6 Rook or some other bird (4).
7 "Ever let the fancy roam, — never is at home" (Keats). (8).
8 Green is to cut a rosy write-up he's promoting (10).
12 The opposition's dubious ancestries (10).
14 Plane pronounced quiet — welcome that (10).
16 The Queen, perhaps, has her countenance on the programme (4-4).
18 Jack goes off it when without money (8).
19 Delayed acquiring further equipment for the new baby (7).
22 Having put in an appearance, is near collapse (6).
24 A tale constantly re-read absorbs him (4).

Concise Crossword, page 36

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,291 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a [illegible] rack

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouc's,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Heref& Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	56.10	51.70
Canada $	2.04	1.88
Denmark Kr	10.55	9.75
Finland Mkk	9.38	8.56
France Fr	9.23	8.53
Germany Dm	2.71	2.51
Greece Dr	367.00	342.00
Hong Kong $	12.27	11.27
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.035
Italy Lira	2900.00	2355.00
Japan Yen	177.00	158.00
Netherlands Gld	3.055	2.825
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	267.00	247.70
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	210.75	197.75
Sweden Kr	12.67	11.87
Switzerland Fr	2.385	2.205
Turkey Lira	17400.0	16400.0
USA $	1.598	1.468

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Friday.

WEATHER

Sunny intervals and showers, heavy in north, perhaps with thunder over parts of Scotland at first. Showers, light and isolated over southern Britain, will die down as rain moves into southwest England in the morning, spreading into all but the northern parts of Scotland by late evening. Some rain becoming heavy in Wales and Northern Ireland. Becoming windy, especially in the southwest. Outlook: changeable, with rain and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	34	93	s
Alicatiri	23	84	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Alex'dria	26	82	f	Malaga	32	90	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malta	30	86	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Miami*	33	91	t
Athens	31	88	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	24	75	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Moscow	17	63	c
Barbados*	-	-	-	Munich	21	70	c
Barcelona	28	79	f	Nairobi	33	73	s
Beirut	29	84	f	Naples	27	81	s
Belgrade	31	88	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Berlin	22	72	f	N York*	21	88	f
Bermuda*	29	84	f	Nice	24	75	f
Biarritz	19	66	f	Oslo	17	63	f
Borde'x	21	70	r	Paris	19	66	f
Brussels	18	64	r	Peking	24	75	c
Budapst	28	82	s	Perth (aus)	14	57	c
B Aires*	17	62	s	Prague	22	72	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Rhodes	30	86	s
Chicago*	29	84	f	Rio de J	33	91	s
Ch'church	8	46	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Cologne	19	66	f	Riyadh	44	111	f
C'phagn	15	59	r	Rome	28	79	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Salzburg	23	73	r
Dublin	15	59	c	S F'risco*	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Santiago*	13	55	s
Faro	28	79	s	S Paulo*	25	77	s
Florence	30	86	f	Seoul	24	75	f
Frankfurt	22	72	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	24	75	s	St'kholm	20	68	f
Geneva	19	66	c	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Tangier	30	86	s
Helsinki	17	63	c	Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Hong K	32	90	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbruck	21	70	f	Tokyo	24	75	f
Istanbul	28	82	s	Toronto*	26	79	f
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tunis	32	90	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Valencia	28	82	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Le Touet	17	63	s	Venice	27	81	s
Lisbon	24	75	c	Vienna	27	81	s
Locarno	22	72	c	Warsaw	26	79	s
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wash'tn*	32	90	f
Luxembg	18	64	f	Wel'gton	10	50	s
Luxor	36	97	s	Zurich	17	63	r

* denotes figures are latest available

POLLEN COUNT

Scotland low to moderate; N Ireland low to moderate, Wales low to moderate; South West low to moderate; North low to moderate; East Anglia low to moderate, Midlands low to moderate, South East low to moderate; London low.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.2hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, .01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.8hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.3	0.44	18	64	thundr
Anglesey	7.2	0.07	17	63	shower
Aviemore	11.6	-	17	63	sunny
Belfast	7.0	0.05	17	63	shower
Bognor Regis	0.3	-	16	64	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	0.03	17	63	shower
Buxton	5.7	0.10	17	63	bright
Cardiff	8.5	0.57	18	64	rain
Colwyn Bay	6.5	0.08	19	66	bright
Cromer	1.2	0.39	17	63	rain
Eastbourne	3.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Edinburgh	8.4	-	18	64	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.9	0.08	15	59	shower
Exmouth	2.0	0.11	17	63	bright
Falmouth	5.2	0.22	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	4.7	0.01	17	63	bright
Hunstanton	3.0	0.21	18	64	rain
Isle of Man	10.6	0.05	17	63	shower
Jersey	2.5	-	21	70	cloudy
Kinloss	8.6	-	19	66	bright
Littlehampton	0.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Liverpool	7.7	-	18	64	sunny
London	3.2	0.02	19	66	rain
Manchester	6.8	-	18	64	bright
Margate	1.8	0.03	21	70	cloudy
Minehead	-	0.18	19	66	sunny
Newcastle	8.4	0.01	19	66	bright
Newquay	6.5	0.55	17	63	rain
Nottingham	7.0	0.31	19	66	shower
Penzance	5.8	0.18	18	64	sunny
Pools	-	0.05	18	64	drizzle
Salcombe	-	0.07	17	63	cloudy
Stranton Snd	7.2	0.69	17	63	bright
Scarborough	8.6	-	18	64	bright
Scilly Isles	7.2	0.27	18	64	bright
Shanklin	0.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Swanage	-	0.03	17	63	shower
Teignmouth	2.6	0.10	19	66	rain
Tenby	9.0	0.24	18	64	sunny
Torquay	1.1	0.07	18	64	shower
Worthing	0.1	-	18	64	cloudy

LIGHTING UP TIMES

London 9.29 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.37 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 10.02 pm to 4.36 am
Manchester 9.45 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9.44 pm to 5.13 am

Sun rises: 5.15 am
Sun sets: 8.58 pm
Moon rises 2.39 pm
Moon sets 11.47 pm
First Quarter 3.25am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

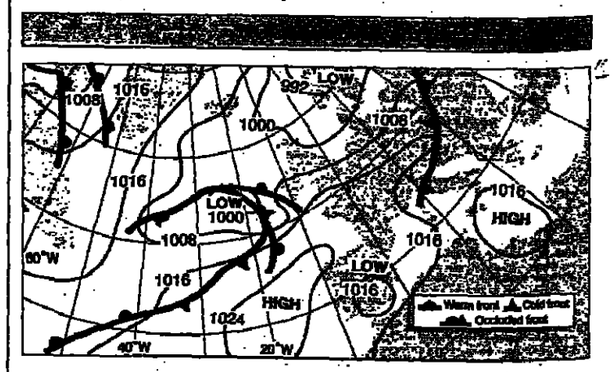
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'ningham	15	59	f	Inverness	14	57	r
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	18	61	c	London	18	64	c
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	15	59	r	Newcastle	16	61	c
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'nldsway	15	59	c





Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	*7.34*	*6.6*	*7.48*	*6.5*	*Liverpool*	*4.48*	*8.8*	*5.21*	*8.3*
Aberdeen	7.10	4.0	7.52	3.6	Lowestoft	3.18	2.1	3.18	2.4
Avonmouth	12.37	12.2	1.04	11.5	Margate	5.44	4.4	5.54	4.6
Belfast	4.48	3.4	5.26	3.0	Milford Haven	—	—	12.09	6.0
Cardiff	12.22	11.3	12.49	10.7	Newquay	11.07	6.1	11.35	6.1
Devonport	10.46	4.8	11.10	4.8	Oban	10.37	3.1	10.58	3.1
Dover	4.42	6.1	5.07	6.2	Penzance	11.01	4.8	11.27	4.8
Falmouth	11.16	4.6	11.40	4.6	Portland	11.34	1.7	11.45	1.7
Glasgow	6.17	4.9	7.01	4.5	Portsmouth	3.55	4.4	4.30	4.4
Harwich	5.31	3.7	5.45	3.8	Shoreham	4.48	5.6	5.19	5.7
Hollyhead	3.54	5.2	4.34	4.8	*Southampton*	*4.33*	*4.2*	*5.11*	*4.2*
Hull	11.53	7.0	—	—	Swansea	—	—	12.12	8.3
Ilfracombe	11.51	6.1	—	—	Tees	9.36	8.0	10.18	4.7
King's Lynn	12.07	5.9	12.15	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	5.27	4.0	5.42	4.0
Leith	8.41	5.2	9.15	4.9					



Information supplied by Met Office

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED 1993. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Kirkby Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9YY, telephone 051-546 2000. Monday, July 26, 1993. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

PILKINGTON Reactolite lenses

The outlook is always perfect

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الإصل



ARTS 27-28

Hugues Gall: new overlord of the Paris opera



EDUCATION 31

The quiet changes to John Patten's showcase bill



BUSINESS 32-26

Football clubs may lose to the taxman on penalties

BOOKS ON MONDAY Page 29

THE TIMES 2

MONDAY JULY 26 1993

England face uphill struggle to save fourth Test and keep series alive

Gooch reaches day of reckoning

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (fourth day of five): England, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 216 runs behind Australia

THIS is to be one of the watershed days of English cricket. The Ashes are already beyond recall and it is going to take some herculean batting or a day-long downpour to prolong the active life of the series. If the day follows a more predictable course, Graham Gooch's resignation of the captaincy can be expected tonight.

England have been chasing shadows in the fourth Test match from the moment they lost the toss, perhaps even from the moment they finalised their team. The game has followed an uncannily similar course to the Lord's Test last month, in which they also followed on more than 400 adrift but began the final day on 237 for three. Here, they are four down for the same total, effectively one bad hour away from an undignified 3-0 deficit and the prospect, that the management team has so dreaded, of replacing the captain in midsummer.

Gooch has not worn the mask of one burdened by weighty decisions this weekend. Rather, he has been jaunty off the field and uninhibited when batting. It has been the mood of a man who has come to terms with what he has to do and feels the better for it. The cheering, standing ovation when he strode out to bat last evening suggested that the 13,000 crowd recognised the end of an era.

If Gooch remained on the bridge this morning, hope of salvation would linger. But his businesslike 26 ended in a stumping, 40 minutes from the end of play. Dickie Bird prolonged a poignant moment by gratuitously calling for the third umpire to make a straightforward decision for him before Gooch marched off, still quicker than he had entered. Tonight, just possibly, he will feel a sense of release amid the inevitable regret.

The sub-plot of the England captaincy has stalked this series and, to some extent, diminished the credit due to Australia. Even today, when Allan Border is set to secure his third consecutive Ashes series — by a combined aggregate of 10-0, with power to add — the focus of attention will be on Gooch and, subsequently, the identity of his successor.

If, as should be the case, the job rests between Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart, both did their best to advertise their credentials yesterday. Runs, of course, are not in themselves any guide to leadership ability, but as the prerequisite of captaincy candidates is to command a place in the side, Stewart at least had doubts to dispel.

His role as a batsman who keeps wicket has been steadily undermined by the evidence that he ceases to have any batting value when combining the jobs. On Saturday, after more than two full days behind the stumps, he was padded up in the first over of England's reply, batting by the seventeenth and out, to an understandably stiff stroke, in the 24th.

Stewart's series aggregate was then an inadequate 139 in seven innings. His evident nervousness, when he batted again yesterday, was not to be wondered at, for another failure could have had serious career consequences. For a while, it was not a pretty sight, a man striving for elusive touch with the stakes formidably high. But Stewart is nothing if not determined and he saw it through, thumping the last ball of the day emphatically through point for four and spinning on his heel in the manner of one who has unfinished business to resume.

Atherton had already played his part, and in both innings. His first-innings 55 was a composed, reassuringly correct innings, flawed only by the misjudgement which saw him bowled, playing no stroke. While he was adding 108 with Gooch, England looked in little difficulty and the burst of four prime wickets by Paul Reiffel would have been a rude shock had it not been so familiar.

After England's tail had departed forlornly, adding only five runs as the last three wickets went down in 20 minutes at the start of play yesterday, Atherton entrenched himself again. In all, he has batted for more than seven hours in this game and if he is aware that it is now 16 Tests since he made a century, he has let nobody down.

Mark Lathwell's future is less secure. Out third ball on Saturday, to a wretchedly loose shot, he was in for 26 overs making 25 second time around, decorating his stay with three strokes of rich pedigree before failing to smother Tim May's off-spin and seeing the ball roll mockingly back onto the stumps. Lathwell should prosper in the Caribbean, for he is a fearless and intuitive player of pace, but Australia's spin reduces the point of him seeing this series through.

For once, Shane Warne was tormented rather than tormentor. The mixture was as intoxicating as ever and the ball did turn for him, sometimes sharply, but this was simply not his day. He is wicketless so far in England's second innings, a rare indignity, but May has compensated with three victims, each one claimed when England were regrouping encouragingly.

Atherton fell to the arm ball, which drifted past the defensive outside edge and overbalanced him. Healy's swift work looked good enough but umpire Bird seems keen to test out the technology and his colleague with the replay screen was recruited again to confirm the common impression.

Smith became the second England batsman dismissed shouldering arms to Reiffel's off-cutter, summoning unwelcome memories of similar strife down the years against Alderman, whereupon Gooch entered to a fanfare. The captain played three extravagantly mighty strokes against May and hinted at something memorably carefree. His last stroke, though, was a shade careless, obliging Stewart and his Surrey team-mate, Graham Thorpe, to shoulder responsibilities against the second new ball in a fraught final half-hour.

Photograph, page 23
Glamorgan inspired by Richards page 23

MARC ASPLAND



Jumping for joy: Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, celebrates after stumping Atherton off the bowling of May, the off spinner, at Headingley yesterday

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M J Slater b Ilott *played across straight ball*	67	-	8	139	103
M A Taylor lbw b Bicknell *turning ball to leg*	27	-	4	98	62
D C Boon lbw b Ilott *pushing across the line*	107	-	17	313	225
M E Waugh b Ilott *shouldering arms, ball clipped off stump*	52	-	6	112	75
*A R Border not out	200	-	28	567	399
S R Waugh not out	157	-	19	407	305
Extras (b 8, lb 22, w 4, nb 9)	43				
Total (4 wkts dec, 821min, 193 overs)	653				

†I A Healy, P R Reiffel, M G Hughes, S K Warne and T S A May did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98 (Slater 52), 2-110 (Boon 8), 3-216 (Boon 57), 4-321 (Border 43).

BOWLING: McCague 28-2-115-0 (nb2, w1) (3-0-15-0, 6-0-28-0, 4-0-23-0, 3-0-11-0, 5-0-22-0, 7-2-16-0); Ilott 51-11-161-3 (w2) (6-1-22-0, 7-0-25-1, 8-3-8-1, 4-1-11-0, 9-3-27-1, 5-0-24-0, 5-1-19-0, 3-0-11-0, 8-2-16-0); Caddick 42-5-138-0 (nb9) (8-1-10-0, 5-0-25-0, 9-2-26-0, 1-0-2-0, 4-1-10-0, 5-0-25-0, 3-1-11-0, 3-0-13-0, 5-0-13-0, 1-0-3-0); Bicknell 50-8-155-1 (nb6) (11-1-36-1, 6-1-18-0, 4-2-9-0, 10-1-37-0, 3-0-11-0, 6-3-11-0, 10-0-33-0); Gooch 16-5-40-0 (w1) (5-3-5-0, 1-0-3-0, 6-2-17-0, 1-0-2-0, 3-0-13-0); Thorpe 6-1-14-0 (3-1-7-0, 3-0-7-0).

England: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min.	Ball
M N Lathwell c Healy b Hughes *low edge to keeper*	0	-	-	2	3
M A Atherton b Reiffel *shouldering arms*	55	-	5	227	180
R A Smith c and b May *mistimed straight drive*	28	-	3	65	56
†A J Stewart c Slater b Reiffel *inside edge onto pad*	5	-	1	23	22
*G A Gooch lbw b Reiffel *playing back and across*	59	1	8	156	129
G P Thorpe c Healy b Reiffel *driving at ball angling away*	0	-	-	2	3
N Hussain b Reiffel *bottom edge off square cut*	15	-	2	32	30
A R Caddick c M Waugh b Hughes *edge to second slip*	9	-	2	47	44
M P Bicknell c Border b Hughes *turned short ball to backward square leg*	12	-	2	44	32
M J McCague c Taylor b Warne *defensive edge to first slip*	0	-	-	7	6
M C Ilott not out	0	-	-	5	4
Extras (b 2, lb 3, *nb* 17)	22				
Total (311min, 82.5 overs)	200				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (Atherton 0), 2-43 (Atherton 15), 3-50 (Atherton 15), 4-158 (Gooch 58), 5-158, 6-169 (Hussain 6), 7-184 (Caddick 5), 8-195 (Bicknell 7), 9-200 (Bicknell 12).

BOWLING: Hughes 15.5-3-47-3 (6-1-19-1, 3-0-16-0, 4-1-8-0, *2.5-1-4-2*); Reiffel 28-6-65-5 (nb9) (15-4-36-1, 11-2-29-4); May 15-3-33-1 (nb4); Warne 23-9-43-1 (nb1); M Waugh 3-0-7-0 (nb2) (one spell each).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M N Lathwell b May *edged between bat and pad on to stumps*	25	-	2	100	78
M A Atherton st Healy b May *beaten by slower, wider ball*	83	-	8	206	171
R A Smith lbw b Reiffel *playing no shot to ball that cut back*	35	-	5	125	120
†A J Stewart not out	59	-	5	127	111
*G A Gooch st Healy b May *jumping down the pitch to drive*	28	-	5	61	40
G P Thorpe not out	10	-	1	42	25
Extras (*b* 5, lb 2, *w* 1, *nb* 11)	19				
Total (4 wkts, 335min, 89 overs)	237				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60 (Atherton 30), 2-131 (Smith 30), 3-149 (Stewart 12), 4-202 (Stewart 35).

BOWLING: Hughes 14-4-32-0 (nb1, w1) (7-2-10-0, 5-2-14-0, 2-0-8-0); Reiffel 20-2-84-1 (nb3) (4-0-18-0, 5-0-18-0, 4-1-16-0, 5-1-21-1, 2-0-11-0); Warne 28-10-46-0 (nb1) (22-8-35-0, 5-2-10-0, 1-0-1-0); May 25-4-65-3 (nb6) (10-4-17-1, 15-0-48-2), M Waugh 2-1-3-0 (one spell).

Umpires: H D Bird, N T Plews and B Leadbeater (replay umpire).

Puncture denies Hill at the last

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN HOCKENHEIM

THE first Formula One win of Damon Hill's career was snatched cruelly away from him here yesterday when a puncture forced him to relinquish the lead in the German grand prix almost in sight of the finish line and handed victory to his Williams-Renault team-mate, Alain Prost.

Hill said he felt "a million times worse" than he had at Silverstone a fortnight ago when, after leading the British grand prix from the start and appearing to be holding Prost, engine failure 17 laps from the finish deprived him of victory.

Here the agony was more acute. Ten laps from the end, Hill's pit crew had held out a sign reading "PI OK", signalling that the two Williams drivers should hold their positions until the end of the race. Hill must have felt certain then that the glory would be his. But when he was only 1½ laps and six miles from the finish, his rear left tyre burst.

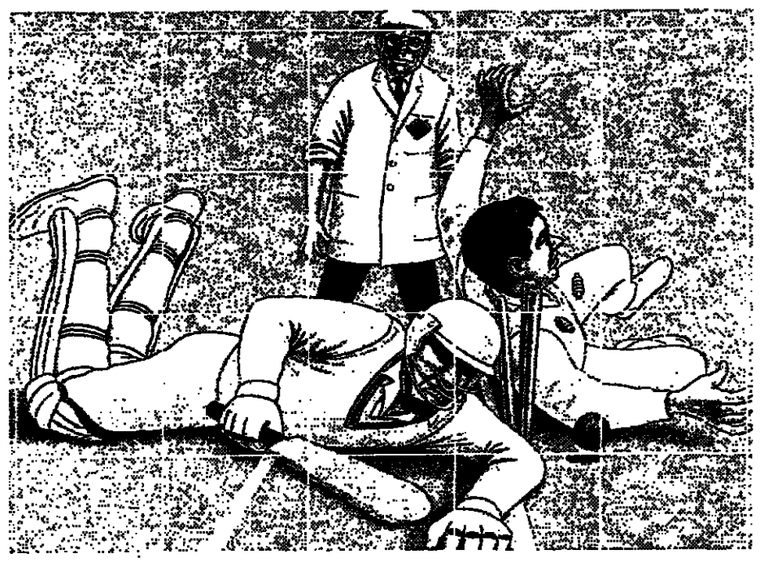
"The job was done," Hill said afterwards, as he slumped, head bowed on the steps of the Williams motor home. "I did not deserve that. It was a million times worse than Silverstone, because there was still some hard racing to be done there.

"I was going at about 150mph when the tyre blew. I had absolutely no warning. I was being easy on the car at that stage, driving conservatively, just keeping Alain at bay."

Hill had beaten Prost at the start and although the Frenchman overtook him to take the lead on the eighth lap, Hill took firm control when his team-mate was called in for a ten-second penalty.

The post-race inquest inevitably centred on Williams's decision not to make a pit stop to change tyres. "We stand by that decision," Frank Williams, the team owner, said.

Wheel of misfortune, page 20
Photograph, page 20



Captaincy candidates jostle for position

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

Whatever the fate of England's rearguard action at Headingley today, the Gooch regime should have fallen by sundown. The standing ovation accorded the England captain by a crowd which tends to divide its Essex men into amiable toffs (Pringle) or southern jokers (Fletcher) confirmed the feeling that this was the last stand and even if the farewell proves to be premature, Gooch seemed touched by the thought, thanking the popular terraces for their support — and their patience on an understandably turgid afternoon — by lofting May over mid-on with a hearty disdainful thump.

If this had been Westminster and not Headingley, politics not cricket, potential successors would already have been lobbying for support in the corridors of power and retreating a healthy distance from a tottering leadership.

The two in-house candidates, Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart, were on view yesterday and, though both might yet be passed over in favour of a short-term alternative, Kim Barnett of Derbyshire, Hugh Morris of Glamorgan, Martyn Moxon, of Yorkshire and England A, or Mike Gatting, of Middlesex, Atherton did little to alter the prevailing view that he has timed his run to the line rather better than his main rival.

For a start, he finished the disastrous Indian tour last winter more wronged than in the wrong after being left forlornly on the sidelines for all but the final two Tests. Luckily, perhaps wisely, he was removed from the stench of failure that hovered over the tour and its aftermath, while Stewart, as vice-captain in India and captain in Sri Lanka, was inextricably linked not just to defeat but to the inelegant rough-shaven manner of it.

Though, by the close yesterday evening, he was at least beginning to resemble the confident figure of last summer, dispatching the last ball of the day with an arrogant flourish, Stewart might yet pay a high price for his loyalty to the outgoing captain and for his willingness to become the team's jack-of-all-trades.

Opening batsman, wicketkeeper, middle-order batsman — sometimes all three in the same match: Stewart has taken any job offered to him and perhaps not complained long enough or loud enough about the effect that uncertainty would have on his long-term future and on his prospects of assuming the coveted captaincy of his country.

Statistics suggest that he must soon decide whether he is a wicketkeeper who can bat, like Alan Knott, in which case, he will have to work on his wicketkeeping a bit and drop down to No 6 or 7, or a batsman who can keep wicket, like Jim Parks, or simply a specialist batsman. Should he assume the captaincy as well, he could at least decide for himself. Very few have had the talent to keep wicket and fill a specialist position at No 4 as Stewart has done over the past four days at Headingley.

Before yesterday, Stewart had scored 139 in seven innings in the series, reaching 30 only once, and his batting average when keeping wicket is almost half that when he does not. It is surely no coincidence that his best form of the series should be shown when he has enjoyed a well-earned rest from the relentless toil of the opening two days in the field. So regular has been the rotation of the England batsmen, their order has ceased to matter much.

Stewart has a chance today, perhaps his last chance, to prove his case for leading England into yet another brave new world.

We're in position to take the unbiased view.

The National Grid Company is sponsoring the umpires for this summer's Cornhill Test Matches between England and Australia.

National Grid

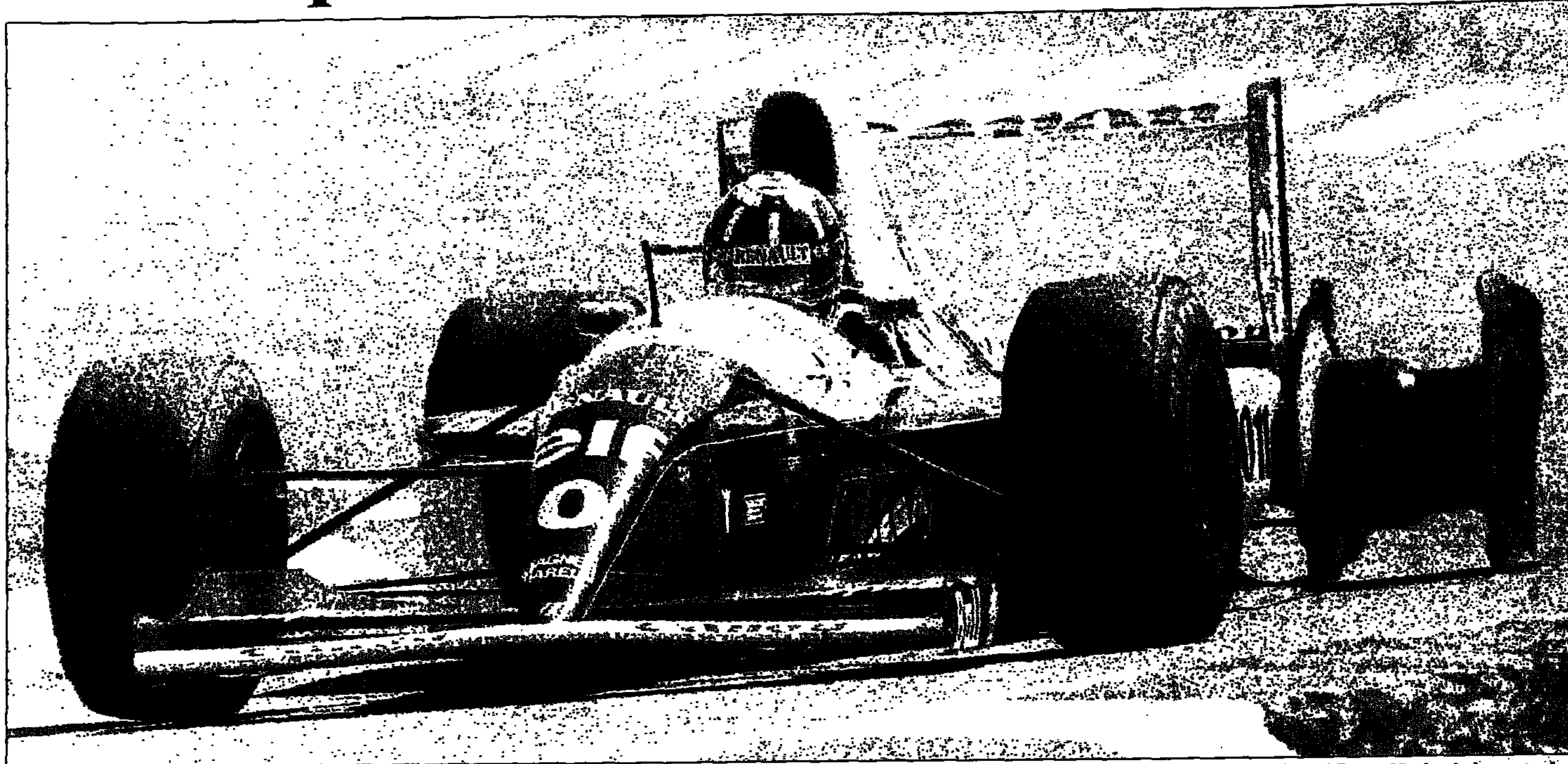
MAKING ELECTRICITY WORK

THE NATIONAL GRID COMPANY plc, NATIONAL GRID HOUSE, KIRBY CORNER ROAD, COVENTRY CV4 8JY

Prost profits as late puncture denies British team-mate his first victory

Hill's quest turns on wheel of misfortune

MIKE HEWITT/ALLSPORT



Grinding to a halt: Hill vainly tries to return to the pits on the rim of his wheel after the rear tyre of his Williams-Renault disintegrated 1½ laps from the chequered flag at Hockenheim yesterday

FROM OLIVER HOLT
MOTOR RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN HOCKENHEIM

ALAIN Prost profited from the cruel ill fortune of his team-mate, Damon Hill, for the second race in succession yesterday when he claimed the 51st victory of his career in a German Formula One grand prix that seemed to have slipped irretrievably away from him.

If Hill's luck deserted him, Prost made his own. After another poor start when he was overtaken by the Englishman, Michael Schumacher and Ayrton Senna, the Frenchman had eased his Williams-Renault inexorably back into first place, looking ominously comfortable, when he was forced to make a ten-second penalty stop for by-passing a chicane on the first lap to avoid the *spinning Ligier of Martin Brundle.*

He was temporarily relegated to sixth place but, by the sixteenth lap, he had fought his way back up the field into second behind the charging Hill. He whittled the Englishman's lead down from 22 seconds to 13, but admitted he had settled for second place when his team-mate's car appeared to sustain a puncture just 1½ laps from the end of the 45-lap race, forcing Hill, still seeking his first grand prix win, to retire. Prost won by more than 16 seconds from Schumacher.

At Silverstone, a fortnight ago, when the Frenchman also won after a late retirement by Hill, Prost was magnanimous in victory. Yesterday, after his fourth win in succession, a result that moves him 27 points clear of Senna at the head of the drivers' championship, he was keen to emphasise his right to the win.

"*Of course I feel for Damon,*" he said. "In a way he deserved to win after leading for so long, but I *deserve to win too.* I was *quicker* than him at the start and I had overtaken him early in the race before my penalty.

"If I had not gone straight on at the chicane, Brundle would have hit me. The penalty was a scandal. It was completely stupid. I think it was imposed because they wanted to make the race more interesting."

Hill said: "I don't think the blow out was caused by the tyres being worn. I think there was a sharp object. I could feel that something was wrong when the car shuddered going round the Ostkurve chicane. When I looked behind the tyre was already in a thousand pieces. It is a *lot more disappointing* than at Silverstone because most of the work had been done."

As if in response to the team owners improving the image of the sport off the track last week with a long-awaited *agreement* on *technical* regulations, the drivers yesterday put on a concerted *show* of breathtaking wheel-to-wheel racing.

At first, it was Prost trying to overtake the old enemy, Senna, on the first lap as he fought to redeem his poor start. Time and again, in a matter of seconds it seemed their cars would collide and when both came into a chicane abreast something had to give. For once, it was the Brazilian. He spun, restarted and began a fine charge up the field from last position, finishing a richly-deserved fourth.

His most thrilling duel was with the Ferrari of Gerhard Berger, but even that was upstaged by the Austrian's battle with the Ligier of Mark Blundell. As the first three *positions stabilised*, Hill leading Prost and the Frenchman comfortably holding off the local hero, Schumacher, *Blundell and Berger* joined a mid-race battle for fourth place.

Blundell, whose team-mate Brundle's race was ruined by a harsh ten-second penalty for his part in the incident with Prost, was on fresh tyres after a pit stop and had the clear advantage, but each time he pulled out to try to pass, Berger blocked him. On several occasions the cars were so close together it seemed a collision was inevitable, only for them to dart apart again at the last possible moment.

Although Blundell ultimately won the day and went on to claim a second third place of the season that put his recent spell of bad luck firmly behind him, he was furious *with his rival.* "*I am very upset with* Gerhard," he said. "That was not fun. At that stage of the race it was not acceptable for him to be making his car wide. We were driving at 200mph and I had to go on the grass at one stage."

Warwick races on

DEREK Warwick was taken to hospital with a suspected chipped bone in his neck after his Footwork car crashed at 200mph in a warm-up two hours before the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim yesterday, but returned after X-ray examination revealed only a strain to finish seventeenth in the race.

Warwick, 38, lost control of his car after colliding with the back of Luca Badoer's Lola in *blinding spray on the high-*speed track. The impact ripped both right tyres off his car, which hurtled out of control along trackside barriers, slid across a chicane and flipped upside down after hitting the lip of a gravel trap.

Passing himself fit an hour before the start of the grand prix, Warwick said: "My neck hurts a bit and I've got a headache, but I think I am okay to drive."

The Footwork team director, Jackie Oliver, said: "The crash was an accident waiting to happen. There were three of them — Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna and Derek — driving in formation, which is normal in thick spray like that.

"Then there is Badoer going along at around 100kph *while they are doing about* 280 or 290kph and it was obvious one of them would collect him."

BBC TELEVISION



Flying Footwork: Warwick's damaged car takes to the air before flipping over

RESULTS FROM HOCKENHEIM

1, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 1hr 18min 40.885sec; 2, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton Ford, at 16.664sec; 3, M Blundell (GB), Ligier Renault, at *59.349sec; 4, A Senna (Br), McLaren* Ford, 1min 08.229sec; 5, R Patrese (It), Benetton Ford, 1:31.516; 6, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:34.754; 7, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:35.841; 8, M Brundle (GB), Ligier Renault; 9, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber; 10, J Herbert (GB), Lotus Ford; 11, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi Ford; 12, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse Lamborghini; 13, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan Hart; 14, P *Martini (It), Minardi Ford, all one lap;* 15, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault; 16, M Alboreto (It), Lola BMS Ferrari, both two laps; 17, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen-Honda, three laps. Did not finish: 18, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 34 laps completed; 19, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, 28; 20, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 22; 21, A Zanardi (It), Lotus, 19; 22, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork, 9; 23, M Andretti (US), *McLaren, 4; 24, L Badoer (It), Lola, 4;* 25, A de Cesaris (It), Tyrrell, 1; 26, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse, failed to complete lap. Fastest lap: Schumacher, 1min 41.859sec *(240.862 kph).*

WORLD DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP (after 10 races): 1, Prost, 77pts; 2, Senna, 50; 3, Schumacher, 36; 4, Hill, 28; 5, Patrese, 11; 6, Blundell, 10; equal 7, Brundle and Herbert, 9; 9, Berger, 6; equal 10, Lehto and Fittipaldi, 5.

WORLD CONSTRUCTORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams-Renault, 105pts; 2, McLaren Ford, 53; 3, Benetton Ford, 47; 4, Ligier Renault, 19; equal 5, Lotus Ford and Ferrari, 10; 7, Minardi Ford, 7; 8, Sauber, 6; 9, Larrousse Lamborghini, 2; 10, Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1.

REAMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Aug 15: Hungarian, Budapest. Aug 29: Belgian, Spa-Francorchamps. Sep 12: Italian, Monza. Sep 26: Portuguese, Estoril. Oct 24: Japanese, *Suzuka. Nov 7: Australian, Adelaide.*

Clelland brings cheer to home crowd

BY STEPHEN SLATER

THE increasing popularity of the Auto Trader British touring car championship was again demonstrated as Scotland's biggest motor racing crowd jammed the roads around the tight, twisting Knockhill circuit, in the hills above the Firth of Forth yesterday.

The local crowd was rewarded as a Scotsman, John Clelland, took victory in the tenth round of the series. The former Lotus and Tyrell Formula One driver, Julian Bailey, then scored his first touring car win as two races just ten minutes apart provided the spectators with plentiful action on the track and much frantic work in the pit lane.

At the green light, Bailey's Toyota accelerated past the Vauxhall Cavalier of Clelland into the first corner, but his start was in vain as red flags were waved after just one lap. The Nissan of Win Percy and Toyota of Bobby Verdon-Roe *had collided and stopped in* the track, forcing the organisers to stop the race.

At the restart, Bailey's Toyota again headed the field into the first corner, but by the end of the first lap the Mazda Xedos of Patrick Watts gained the lead with a spectacular outbraking manoeuvre, while a similar move at the hairpin on the next lap promoted Clelland to second.

On the tenth lap a cheer from the crowd signalled that Clelland had taken the lead, while Watts dropped back to third place as Bailey closed on Clelland's tail.

For the next 17 laps, there was no more than a car's length between the two leaders but Clelland held on to *take the chequered flag by just* 0.16sec, scoring his first win of 1993 and his first race win on home ground.

"It's fantastic, until today I'd never won anything here in Scotland, not even a raffle," Clelland said.

Within ten minutes, the green lights marked the start of the second race, and despite taking an early lead, Clelland was unable to prevent Bailey outbraking him at the hairpin.

The Toyota driver extended a five-second lead by the chequered flag as his team-mate, *Will Hoy, stormed* through the field after starting tenth, to claim third place.

"I think it was the longest race of my life," Bailey said. "At one point, I thought there'd be just five laps to go and there turned out to be 15."

RESULTS: Tenth round: 1, J Clelland (Vauxhall), 27 laps, 25min 25.95sec (82.80 mph); 2, J Bailey (Toyota), 25:26.11s; 3, J Winkelhock (BMW), 25:31.83; 4, P Watts (Mazda), 25:33.19s; 5, P Radisich (Ford), 25:38.14, 6, J Allam (Vauxhall), 25:38.57. Eleventh round: 1, Bailey, 30 laps, 28:08.44 (83.15 mph); 2, Clelland, 28:13.51; 3, W Hoy (Toyota), 28:15.80; 4, Watts, 28:18.91; 5, Radisich, 28:20.38; 6, Allam, 28:20.80.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati Reds 3, Florida Marlins 2, Atlanta Braves 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 2: Houston Astros 5, Chicago Cubs 1: *St Louis Cardinals 13:* Colorado Rockies 11. Los Angeles Dodgers 5, New York Mets 2. Montreal Expos 5, San Diego Padres 0. Philadelphia Phillies 2, San *Francisco Giants 1. Saturday: Chicago 7,* Houston 6. Los Angeles 5, New York 4, San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4. Florida 2, Cincinnati 0. Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 9, St Louis 8. San Diego 11, Montreal 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland Indians 9, Seattle Mariners 4, New York Yankees 5, California Angels 2. Boston Red Sox 6, Oakland A's 5, Kansas City Royals 7, Detroit Tigers 6. Milwaukee Brewers 3, Chicago White Sox 2. Baltimore Orioles 5, Minnesota Twins 1. Texas Rangers 6, *Toronto Blue Jays 5. Saturday: Boston 5,* Oakland 3, Kansas City 6, Detroit 3: New York 5, California 3, Baltimore 9, Minnesota 2: Chicago 6, Milwaukee 5, Seattle 6, Cleveland 5. Toronto 5, Texas 1.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Belle Vue 71, Arena Essex 37: Bradford 69, Ipswich 39, Eastbourne 60, Poole 48. King's Lynn 52, Arena Essex 55. Second division: Edinburgh 50, Middlesbrough 58. Oxford 52, Long Eaton 54: Swindon 59, Peterborough 48

THE TIMES
SPORTS SERVICE

RACING

Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123

CRICKET

Reports and scoreboards from the county championship
Call 0839 555 510
Live commentary from the Fourth Test
Call 0839 555 527
Up-to-date scores and reports from the Fourth Test
Call 0839 555 550

Calls cost 36p per min cheap rate. 48p per min at all other times

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE: TSB Games (IAAF grand prix meeting): Men: 100m: 1, L Christie (GB), 10.27sec, 2, L Burrell (US), *10.33, 5, D Campbell (GB), 10.53, 6, J John* (GB), 10.68. 200m: 1, J Regis (GB), 20.59; 5, T Box (GB), 21.17. 400m: 1, Q Watts (US), 44.78, 2, S Lewis (US), 44.82, 4, D *Grindley (GB), 45.26. 5, A Mafe (GB), 45.30;* 6, D McKenzie (GB), 46.42. 800m: 1, J L Barbosa (Br), 1min 45.78sec, 2, M Steele (GB), 1.46.24, 4, C Robb (GB), 1.46.51. 1,500m: 1, M Yates (GB), 3.35.85; 6, M Barnes (GB), 3.38.31. 7, S Fairbrother (GB), 3.38.66. 10, D Strang (GB), 3.40.28. 5,000m: 1, W Sigei (Ken), 13min 14.32sec, 2, F Bayesa (Eth), 13:14.58; 6, R Denmark (GB), 13.23.52; 11, G Staines (GB), 13:35.22. 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB), 13.20sec, 3, A Jarrett (GB), 13.64, 7, D Nelson (GB), 13.83. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam), 48.85, 2, K Young (US), 48.86, 5, G Cadogan (GB), 49.84, 6, P Crampton (GB), 50.67. High jump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.40m; 2, P Sjoberg (Swe), 2.28, 3, S Smith (GB), 2.25, 4, D Grant (GB), 2.25, equal 5, G Parsons (GB), 2.20. Pole vault: 1, M Tarasov (Russ), 5.70; 2, K Tarpenning (US), 5.70; 12, M Edwards (GB), 5.30. Triple jump: 1, M Bruziks (*Latvia*), 17.21, 2, *J Edwards (GB), 16.94,* 4, T Fasinro (GB), 16.82. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz Rep), 86.78, 2, S Backley (GB), 85.10m; 10, M Roberson (GB), 76.14, 12, C MacKenzie (GB), 74.58. Women: 100m: 1, I Miller (US), 11.54sec, 2, P Davis (Bah), 11.59; 3, M Richardson (GB), 11.62; 5, B Kinch (GB), 11.65. 200m: 1, M Gainsford (Aus), 22.91; 2, P Davis (Bah), 23.29, 4, J *Stoute (GB), 23.65, 6, S Jacobs (GB),* 24.12. 400m: 1, N Kaiser-Brown (US), 51.16; 2, C Freeman (Aus), 51.34. 800m: 1, K Holmes (GB), 2min 00.73sec, 2, L Keough (GB), 2:01.98; 4, T Colebrook (GB), 2.04.17; 5, D Gandy (GB), 2.04.83; 6, L Gibson (GB), 2:05.01. 3,000m: 1, Y Murray (GB), 8.32.61 (UK all-comers' record), 2, E Meyer (SA), 8.37.85, 3, A Wyeth (GB), 8.38.79. 100m hurdles: 1, M Freeman (Jam), 13.07sec, equal 2, J Flemming (Aus) and J Agyepong (GB), 13.14, 7, S Farquharson (GB), 13.71. 400m hurdles: 1, *S Gunnell (GB), 53.85 (UK all-comers'* record), 2, D Hemmings (Jam), 54.98; 5, G Retchakan (GB), 56.23, 6, J Parker (GB), 57.48, 8, J Pearson (GB), 58.38. Triple *jump: 1, Y Chen (Russ), 14.54m, 2, G* Chistyakova (Russ), 14.40; 4, M Griffith (GB), 13.82; 5, R Kirby (GB), 13.64. Shot: 1, S Storp (Ger), 19.71m; 2, A Kumbernuss (Ger), 19.45; 7, M Augee (GB), 17.25

BEDFORD: Eastern Electricity Games (England unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, C Smith (US), 10.34sec, 3, M Rosswess, *10.42. 200m: 1, D Campbell,* 21.26, 2, T Box. 400m: W McDonald, 46.55. 800m: 1, P Ruto (Ken), 1min 49.97sec; 2, C Gilby, 1:50.11; 3, K McKay, 1.50.24. Mile: 1, C Jones (US), 4.01.61, 2, P Larkins, 4.01.82. 110m hurdles: 1, D Ross (US), 13.92sec; 2, A Tulloch, 13.94. 400m hurdles: 1, G Roberts (SA), 50.87, 3, L Lynch, 51.79. *Long jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 7.81m.* 4, J Simpson, 7.62. Shot: 1, P Edwards, 18.72, 3, D Callaway, 17.17. Women: 100m: 1, P Davis (Bah), 11.53sec, 6, J Christian, 11.96. 300m: 1, R Stevens (US), 37.25, 5, A Davies, 38.77. 1,000m: 1, M Faherty, 2min 41.78sec, 2, J Jones, 2.42.04; 3, T Colebrook, 2.42.47. 100m hurdles: 1, Y Grauydn (Russ), 13.13sec; 2, C Court, 13.30. 400m hurdles: 1, G Retchakan, 56.86, 2, J Parker, 57.44. High jump: 1, C Weavers (SA), 1.90m; 2, D Marti, 1.83. Shot: 1, G Hammer (Ger), 17.86, 2, M Augee, 17.04, 3, M Lynes, 15.79. Javelin: S Gibson, 57.28

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: Indonesian open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: F Permadi (Indo) bt P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), *15-9, 17-14; A B Kusuma (Indo) bt A* Wiranata (Indo), 15-12, 15-13. Final: Kusuma bt Permadi, 15-10, 14-17, 15-4. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: R Subagja *and Rexy Mainaky (Indo) bt B Setiadi and I* Hendra (Indo), 15-4, 15-9; E Hartono and Richard Mainaky (Indo) bt Razif and J Sidek (Malay), 15-8, 15-7. Final: Subagja and Mainaky bt Hartono and Mainaky, 15-13, 15-10. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Susanti (Indo) bt Y Santoso (Indo), 11-5, 11-5. Ye Zhaoying (China) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-5, 11-8. Final: Ye Zhaoying bt *Susanti, 12-9, 12-11. Women's doubles:* Semi-finals: F and L Tampi (Indo) wo L Stuer-Laundsen and L Olsen (Den), scr. E and Z Resiana (Indo) bt G Clark and J Wright (GB), 15-6, 15-13. Final: Tampi and Tampi bt Resiana and Resiana, 17-16, 15-12. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: R Gunawan and R Tendean (Indo) bt A Miranat and R Rosalina (Indo), 15-5, 8-15, *15-10. Paulus and Herawati (Indo) bt R* Mainaky and E Sukstianingsih (Indo), 8-15, 15-5, 15-10. Final: Gunawan and Tendean bt Paulus and Herawati, 15-7, 15-3

HOCKEY

VILLANOVA, Pennsylvania: Women's Intercontinental Cup: Semi-finals: Germany 0, Canada 0 (Germany won 3-0 on penalty strokes). Argentina 1, Russia 0. Play-offs: Fifth place: United States 0, India 0 (United States won 4-2 on pens). Seventh place: *Scotland 0, New Zealand 0* (Scotland won 3-2 in pens). Positions 9-12: Belgium 3, Italy 1. Japan 2, France 0

PORT ELIZABETH: Women's tour match-*es: Orange Free State 0, England 7. South* Africa 2, England 0.

VOLLEYBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Group A: Germany bt Greece, 3-1 (15-9, 13-15, 15-13, 15-10). United States bt Japan, 3-0 (15-8, 15-4 *15-13). Germany bt Greece, 3-0 (15-5, 15-6,* 15-10). Brazil bt Russia, 3-0 (15-13, 15-8, 15-8). Japan bt United States, 3-0 (15-4, 15-7, 15-8). Group B: Holland bt Finland, 3-0 (15-7, 15-9, 15-5). Italy bt Cuba, 3-1 (15-11, 15-5, 6-15, 15-8). China bt South Korea, 3-1 (15-8, 13-15, 15-11, 15-7). Holland bt Finland, 3-0 (15-11, 16-14, 15-5).

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): St Kilda 16 16 (112) bt North Melbourne 14 13 (97). Geelong 13.9 (87) bt Collingwood 11.13; *Essendon 15 14 (104) bt Carlton 12.11 (83);* Melbourne 16.14 (110) bt Footscray 14 13 (97). Brisbane 18.10 (118) bt Richmond 14 15 (99), Hawthorn 24.15 (159) bt Sydney 9 13 (67), West Coast 15 17 (107) bt Adelaide 10 10 (70)

SWIMMING

SYDNEY: Grand prix meeting: Men: 1,500m: K Perkins (Aus), 14min 49.18sec (incl. 7min 34.90sec for 800m, world short-course record)

WATERSKIING

ROME: *European junior and dauphin* championships: Dauphin boys: Overall: 1, T Asher (GB), 2,478pts, 5, D Sharman (GB), 1,830. Jump: 1, Asher, 30.6m, 6, Sharman, 26.7. Tricks: 1, Asher, 5,040pts, 8, Sharman, 2,420. Dauphin girls: Tricks: 1, F Primatesta (It), 4,420pts, 4, R Crosland (GB), 3,900, 7, M Toms (GB), 2,560. Junior boys: Tricks: 1, O Portamps (Bel), 6,240pts, 7, P Price (GB), 4,060, 10, G Campbell (GB), 3,710. Junior girls: Slalom: 1, A Andriopoulou (Gr), 4 buoys at 13m; 4, V Campbell (GB), 3 at 14. Jump: 1, Andriopoulou, 31.7m, 6, Campbell, 27.7; 7, L Ringrose (GB), 26.7. Tricks: 1, I Tourets (Belarus), 5,400pts, 7, Ringrose, 2,940

FOOTBALL

FRENCH LEAGUE: Nantes 1, AS Monaco 0; Toulouse 0, Le Havre 0, St Etienne 1, Cannes 2. Bordeaux 1, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Marseilles 1, Lens 0. Lille 1, Martigues 1; Strasbourg 1, Auxerre 1; Montpellier 1, Lyon 1. Caen 1, Metz 1, Sochaux 4, Angers 1

MOTOR CYCLING

SUZUKA, Japan: Eight-hour endurance *race: 1, S Russell (US) and A Slight (NZ),* Kawasaki ZXR-7, 207 laps, 8hr 01min 13.713sec; 2, E Lawson (US) and S Tsujimoto (Japan), Honda RVF750, 207, *8.03:38.798. 3, T Aoki (Japan) and M Smith* (US), Honda RVF750, 206, 8:02:04.474, 18, R Moore (US) and S Buckmaster (GB), Kawasaki, 11 laps, 19, J Reynolds (GB) and B Bonhuil (Fr), Honda, 11

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Nuneaton: Warwickshire 173 and 236. Leicestershire 260 and *150-2 (P N Hepworth 71 not out).* Leicestershire won by 5 wkts. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire 287-9 dec and 244-2 dec (R R Montgomery 138 not out, R J Warren 70 not out), Yorkshire 271-5 dec and 261-6 (M P Vaughan 85) Yorks won by 4 wkts. Bristol: Essex 267 and 186 (M Diwan 91 not out), Gloucestershire 170 and 276-8 (T H C *Hancock 70) Match drawn.* Southampton: Worcestershire 269 and 179; Hampshire 312-6 dec and 135-5. Match drawn. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 301-9 dec and *247-6 dec (W Dessaur 120 not out).* Somerset 251-7 dec and 100-3. Match drawn. Seaton Carew: Durham 309-8 dec and 285-5 dec (J A Daley 110, S Birbeck 63 not out); Kent 300-4 dec and 285-9 (D P Fulton 126) Match drawn

COLOMBO: First one-day international (50 overs) India 212-8 (M Azharuddin 53), Sri Lanka 211 (49.2 overs; U C Hathurusingha 64, Aravinda de Silva 62). India won by 1 run

GOLF

TOMAKOMAI, Japan: Nikkei Cup: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 276: S Ginn (Sing), 72, 73, 64, 67. 278: H Sasaki, 69, 71, 69, 70. 279: K Murota, 70, 72, 68, 69 Y Yamamoto, 72, 69, 67, 71, P McWhinney (Aus), 69, 69, 67, 74. 280: T Odate, 66, 71, 72, 71

SUTTON, Massachusetts: New England men's classic: Scores after three rounds (US unless stated): 200: P Azinger, 67, 69, 64. 201: R Clampett, 63, 71, 67. 203: D Peoples, 72, 69, 62, B Fleisher, 70, 67, 66; R Estes, 70, 65, 68, W Wood, 68, 65, 70. 204: S Lowery, 66, 69, 69. 205: C Strange, 70, 70, 65; J Delsing, 73, 67, 65; B Bryant, 70, 65, 70; J Sindelar, 68, 67, 70. 206: J Haas, 71, 69, 66. 207: *M Wiebe, 76, 66, 65,* J Cook, 74, 67, 66, B Cheesman, 69, 71, 67; G Kraft, 69, 70, 68; J Adams, 70, 69, 68, P Jacobsen, 68, 71, 68, N Henke, 71, 67, 69; R Fehr, 67, 69, 71

TAKAYAMAMURA, Japan: Women's open tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 213: M Hirase, 72, 70, 71. *215: Kim Ae-sook (S Kor),* 73, 71, 71. 216: A Hashimoto, 75, 70, 71, A Yamaoka, 71, 70, 75. 217: C Nakajima, 74, 74, 69; M Hamada, 74, 74, 69; Ku Ok-hee (S Kor), 73, 70, 74

BOWLS

NATWEST MIDDLETON CUP: Quarter-finals: Cumbria 135, Northamptonshire 118; Norfolk 118, Northumberland 117; *Somerset 140, Dorset 90; Kent 139, Surrey 91.*

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hertfordshire 129, Cambridgeshire 126.

MIDLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicestershire 138, Lincolnshire 103: Warwickshire 118, Derbyshire 108

COUNTY MATCHES: Hampshire 138, Basingstoke and District 123. Wiltshire 121, Cumbria Tourists 108

CYCLING

LEICESTER: National track championships: Men: 4,000m pursuit: Qualifying time-trial: 1, G Obree (Leo), 4min 38.545sec *(championship record)*; 2, B Steel (Haverhill), 4:39.458; 3, R Hayles (Haverhill), 4.44.516; 4, S Dangerfield (Leo), 4:47.307; 5, M Illingworth (North Wirral), 4.49.635, 6, C Ball (Antelope), 4.52.537. Quarter-finals: Obree, 4.40.345, ct A Allen (Haverhill); Steel, 4:42.730, ct C Newton (Middridge). Ball, 4:50.643, bt Hayles, 4.50.846; Dangerfield, 4.48.818, bt Illingworth, 4:48.876. Semi-finals: Steel, 4:48.013, bt Dangerfield, 4.50.424, Obree bt Ball. Keirin: 1, S Brydon (City of Edinburgh), last 200m in 11.43sec; 2, P McHugh (PCA), 3, R Jefferies (Welwyn). Open 50km madison: Final: 1, A Doyle and S Wingrave (Neilson-Tivoli), 21pts; 2, S Lillistone and J Walshaw (North Wirral), at 1 lap, 27pts; 3, H Cameron (Manchester) and R Williams (Butler), at 3, 9. Open sprint: Qualifying time-trial: 1, S Brydon (City of Edinburgh), last 200m in 11.341sec; 2, S Paulding (City of Edinburgh), 11.394, 3, G Hibbert (Hyde Olympic), 11.475. Women: 30km points race: 1, S Hodge (Alex), 32pts; 2, M Johnson (Oundle), 55; 3, S Timms (Raleigh), 33. Time: 45min 17.63sec. 3,000m pursuit: Qualifying time-trial: 1, S Timms (Raleigh), 4min 03.154sec, 2, M Johnson (Oundle), 4.12.020, 3, G Pechard (Shaftesbury), 4.13.814

TIME TRIAL: RTTC national 24-hour championship (Cheshire): 1, P Barlow (Kiveton Park), 491.135 miles, 2, G Longland (Antelope), 477.706; 3, P Goodfellow (Kiveton Park), 468.298. Women: C Roberts (Crewe Clarion), 461.446 (British competition record). Team: Kiveton Park, 1,421.01 miles (provisional).

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Federation Cup: Quarter-finals: France bt Czech Republic, 3-0 (J Halard bt H Sukova, 7-6, 6-4; N Tauziat bt J *Novotna, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3; I Demongeot and P* Paradis-Mangon bt A Strnadova and R Zrubakova, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3). Spain bt Holland, 3-0 (C Martinez bt S Rottier, 7-6, 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario bt M Oremans, 7-6, 6-0, V Ruano and C Torrens bt K Boogert and M Bollegraf, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4). Semi-finals: Spain bt France, 2-1 (Martinez bt Halard, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; Sánchez Vicario bt Tauziat, 6-1, 6-4; Ruano and Torrens lost to Demongeot and Paradis-Mangon, 1-2, ret) Australia bt Argentina, 2-1 (M Jaggard-Lai lost to I Gorrochategui, 4-6, 2-6; N Provis bt F *Labat, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; E Smylie and R Stubbs* bt Gorrochategui and P Tarabini, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3). Final: Spain bt Australia, 3-0 (Martinez bt Jaggard-Lai, 6-0, 6-2; Sánchez Vicario bt Provis, 6-2, 6-3; Sánchez Vicario and Martinez bt Smylie and Stubbs, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3).

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-3, 6-2; M Göllner (Ger) bt K Novacek (Cz Rep), 6-3, 6-2; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6. Semi-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt Medvedev, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4; *Gustafsson bt Göllner, 6-4, 6-3. Final:* Gustafsson bt Stich, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: A *Mansdorf (Isr) bt P Korda (Cz* Rep), 6-4, 6-2; R Reneberg (US) bt M Washington (US), 7-5, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-0; T Martin (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-3, 6-3. Semi-finals: *Mansdorf bt Reneberg, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Martin* bt Krickstein, 6-3, 7-5.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-4, 6-0, *L Raymond (US) bt* M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; J Capriati (US) bt B Bowes (US), 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: Capriati bt Raymond, 6-2, 6-4; M J Fernandez (US) bt Pierce, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

ILKLEY: Allied Textiles open championship (Reebok British tour): Men's final: D Sapsford (GB) bt N Fulwood (GB), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. *Women's final: S Fadkhomenko (Russ)* bt A Smith (GB), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: North Sydney 15, Eastern Suburbs 10; Balmain 16, St George 18; Brisbane 38, Canterbury 18; South Sydney 10, Manly 38; Parramatta 12, Cronulla 14; Penrith 10, Canberra 18, Illawarra 26, Gold Coast 0; Western Suburbs 11, Newcastle 20

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Te Kuiti, New Zealand: King Country 21, Western Samoa 57. Sydney: New South Wales 29, South Africa 28, Australia Under-21 12, England Under-21 22; Port Elizabeth: East Cape Students 0. Combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities 20. Harare: Zimbabwe 6, Irish Development XV 20.

BOXING

KYONGJU, South Korea: World Boxing Association *junior-flyweight* championship (12 rnds): Yuh Myung-woo (S Kor, holder) bt Ryuichi Hosono (Japan), pts.

TOWNSVILLE, Australia: World Boxing Federation *heavyweight championship:* Jimmy Thunder (US) bt Melton Bowen (US), rsc 5th rnd.

YACHTING

SOLENT: Whyte and Mackay points championship: Saturday: CHS Class 8: Bounder of the Century (C Little). CHS Class 4: *Nazca II (J Fizell). CHS Class 5: Super* Sparks (D Ide): Sigma 33: Moonshine (J Kelly). Sigma 38: Summer Pudding (I Budgen). Yesterday: CHS Class 3: Sunbeat V (W Courtney). CHS Class 4: *Owl (P* Bruce). CHS Class 5: Ben (J Bennett). Sigma 33: Sabre (J White). Sigma 38: Serendip (P King and G Trollope).

HAYLING ISLAND: Fireball national championships: 1, N Thornton and J Clark (Filey); 2, R Estaugh and L Birtles (Chase), 3, S Daniels and S Kysen (Strand-on-the-Green).

MOTOR SPORT

SILVERSTONE: Champagne Charles *Heidsieck Historic Sportscar Cup:* 1, R Belm (Jaguar D), 20 laps, 44min 43.35sec (85.75mph); 2, W Green (Maserati), 44:52.18; 3, F Sytner (Jaguar D), 45:02.12.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fourth Cornhill Test match

Final day of five

11.0

HEADINGLEY: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship

Final day of four

11.0

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER: *Leicestershire* v Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Surrey

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Panteg: Glamorgan v Worcestershire; Wigan: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire; Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v *Hampshire, Marske-by-Sea:* Yorkshire v Durham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Truro: Cornwall v Berkshire; Leominster: Herefordshire v Shropshire; Jesmond: Northumberland v Cambridgeshire; *Mair Heath:* Staffordshire v Lincolnshire; Copdock CC: Suffolk v Buckinghamshire.

WOMEN: World Cup (10.45): Australia v England (Guildford). Denmark v Holland *and India v Ireland (Wellington College,* Berks). New Zealand v West Indies (Chiswick).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester).

GOLF: *English Amateur Championship* (Saunton); Scottish Amateur Championship (Royal Dornoch).

POOLS CHECK

Victoria: Second division: Chelsea 1 *Doveton 0; Clifton Hill 0 Clarinda 2,* E Brunswick 1 Bentleigh 3, Mooroolbark 2 Sandringham 2. S Caulfield 2 Springvale U 2 Sunbury 2 Box Hill 0. Waverley 2 Nunawading 2 Third division: Corio Utd 0 Pascoe Vale 5, Keilor 2 Dandenong 2. Lalor Utd 1 Essendon C 0; Moorabbin 2 Fitzroy 0, Regent 3 Sealord Utd 0; S Dandenong 0 Melbourne C 0 Fourth division: Boronia 0 Langwarrin 1. Cranbourne 1 East Altona 1 Geelong R 3 *Mornington 1 Rosanna 1 Malvern City 1.* S Springvale 0 S H Polonia 1, Yarraville 3 Coburg 0 Fifth division: Ballarat 0 Forest Hill 2, Berwick City 1 E Geelong 1, Brandon Pk 1 Frankston U 3. Springvale C 1 Lalor 0. Westvale 2 Heidelberg C 1; Williamstown 1 S Warrama 1; Yallourn 0 Melton 3 Sixth division: Brunswick C 7 Hoppers C 0, E Richmond 1 Hampton Pk 0; N Glenroy 3 Knox Park 1, N Sunshine 4 Lyndale U 0. Old Scotch 5 Keysborough 0; Wantirna 1 Monbulk 1

Western Australia: First division: Bassendean 3 Bayswater 2. Fremantle B 2 Athena 3. Kelmscott 1 Kingsway 0, North Perth 2 Spearwood 0 Osborne Pk 1 Stirling M 9. Sorrento 1 Perth Ital 3. Second division: Balga 2 Dianella 4, Gosnells 0 Ashfield 2, Melville 5 Armadale Pk 1; Morley 2 Swan I C 2; North Lake 0 Stirling T 1. Queens Pk 1 Wanneroo 3. S Vardar 1 Swan Croc 0

South Australia: First division: Croydon 1 *Para Hills 1; Enfield 0 Blue Eagles 2;* Modbury 0 Adelaide C 0, Salisbury 0 Woodville 1 W T Birkalla 1 Olympians 1 Queensland: Third division: Latrobe 2 *Redlands 1, Logan City 3 Newmarket 3* Fourth division: Brighton 1 Clairvaux 1, Oxley U 2 Samford R 5. Pine Hills 1 Virginia U 3 Tasmania: North division: Burnie 5 Georgetown 0; Launceston 4 Somerset 1; Olympic 5 Croatia 0.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	2½	2½	1½	2½	1½	2½	1½	1½	2½	2	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	1½	3	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims are required for 23½ and 24 points and there is a possible jackpot for 24 points

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Joachim ensures England's youth has its day



Rob Hughes sees England win the European championship by defeating Turkey in Nottingham



On the attack: Tinkler puts the Turkish defence under pressure during England's European championship win at the City Ground yesterday

Winning games in high summer is not as foreign as some other sports would have us believe. Before a crowd so unexpectedly big, arriving so late that the kick-off had to be put back 25 minutes, England's under-18 team uplifted the soul of this undistinguished month by recapturing the European youth championship, courtesy of a 1-0 win against Turkey, that it used to dominate in the Sixties and Seventies.

In deference to the fact that the triumphs of our teenagers have often been unfulfilled at senior level, we may legitimately say "Thanks, lads, now what do you intend to do when you grow up?" If the answer is still to be leaders of their class, then they, and the Football Association, must resolve now to let nothing go to young heads, to establish some continuity in selection and in management and to build on the genuine belief that the youth has sewn here in the Midlands this July.



Caskey: experienced

There were 23,381 witnesses, gaining astonishingly good value for £2 per adult and £1 per child entrance fee, at the City Ground, Nottingham, as England's supremacy slowly unravelled against the young Turks. The stiff wind coming off the Trent had something to do with that in the first half, it swept Turkey forwards and their fluid mobility and delicate midfield skills had England chasing shadows in the sun.

But resilience has been a by-word of England this week. They have beaten France, Holland, Spain and now Turkey, scoring 12 goals against two, and in each of the encounters, they met and overcame periods when the technical ability of the opposition posed serious questions.

In yesterday's final, as throughout the tournament, England could not be subdued. The fact that it took a penalty in the 79th minute to decide this game misrepresents the decisive area where England earned the trophy — in attack. It is strange to relate, but an England side had, in every 90 minutes, they played, a potency in the finishing department, where Robbie Fowler, of Liverpool, had accepted chances with the clean instincts of his club mentor, Ian Rush, and where Kevin Gallen represents, for once, an English capture against the head from Ireland. Gallen has two brothers, both of whom have pledged their futures to the Republic, but he, considered a young sensation at Queens Park Rangers, decided he would be English.

The two of them drew their inspiration as did everyone in this team from Julian Joachim. This diminutive Leicester City player has the searing pace of his father's West Indian bloodline. Tiny he may be in a field where youths stand 6ft and more, but having been raised on the breadline by his mother in Lincolnshire, he has breathtaking perseverance, sometimes singleness of purpose, but, most precious of all, an ability to spring with the ball under his command.

The people who tried to break him most had been the Spaniards, under the coaching of Andoni Goecoechea, labelled the "Butcher of Bilbao" for the horrendous tackle with which he dismantled the ankle of Diego Maradona and a man who pretends to be a charmer while keeping in a gilt frame the boot that did the dirty on the world's greatest player.

In Goecoechea's image, the team reaped ten yellow cards and two red and, when they won third place as a warm-up to England's triumph yesterday, they had so many players barred from the game that they could muster just 11 players and one substitute from the 16 nominated starters.

We can do without that and England, in shredding the Spaniards 5-1 showed in 1993, as ever, that there is no purpose in intimidating England. The French had not tried, but had fallen short in the scoring department. The Dutch, strangely for a nation which nurtures so many exotic talents, had never been in England's class. The Turks were quite different.

They were, for a start, the reigning European champions. Their squad contained eight players who had represented the nation at the World under-20 championships in Australia last March and their continuity in having been together for three years and through some 50 internationals showed. In defence, they marked Joachim and Gallen like limpets. In midfield, Evren and Ender were often too quick of thought and movement even for the now vastly experienced England captain, Darren Caskey, and his partners.

But, for some reason that has become an acknowledged national characteristic of Turkey, they rarely converted midfield supremacy in to threatening shots on goal. Evren did give Christopher Day palpitations with a curled free kick from 30 yards, and Christopher Casper did after 20 minutes, have to show an encouraging ability to read the play to snuff out a chance created by Mustafa.

Yet, after changing ends, England had the wind behind them — and Joachim. He had gone to the barbers last week and came out without his precocious moustache and, in Marvin Hagler fashion, without virtually every hair on his head. Maybe that made him even swifter. His was the electric sprint on the end of a marvellous five-man move which drew one of three fine saves from Murat.

Turkey could not cope with Joachim. In the 79th minute, from a free kick by goalkeeper Day, he turned like an electric eel. He left the rugged sweeper, Serkan, surprised and groping and, when Serkan flattened him from behind, it produced the winning penalty.

Caskey, in his 25th appearance in an England shirt, strode up almost nonchalantly to wrong-foot the keeper and a quarter of an hour later was leading his team up into the grandstand to receive the cup.

ENGLAND: C Day (Tottenham Hotspur); G Neville (Manchester United), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), C Casper (Manchester United), K Sharp (Leeds United), M Tinkler (Leeds United), D Caskey (Tottenham Hotspur), P Scholes (Manchester United); R Fowler (Liverpool), K Gallen (Queens Park Rangers, sub: N Whelan, Leeds United), J Joachim (Leicester City).
TURKEY: T Murat; A Ilhami, C Hakan, R Cerkan, Y Samet; D Oktay, T Ender, N -T Evren, A Tamaff (sub: A Tarkan); O Hasan, K Mustafa (sub: S Tekin)
Referee: R Olsen (Norway)

Robson is sent off as United slip up

MANCHESTER United's pre-season encounter with Arsenal in South Africa turned sour yesterday after a controversial match at Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium. In front of a 65,000 capacity crowd, United, the league champions, lost 2-0 to Arsenal, last season's FA Cup and League Cup-winners, losing Bryan Robson midway in the second half when the former England captain was sent off for dissent.

However, Robson's dismissal may have been a case of mistaken identity by the referee, Errol Sweeney, who was manhandled by Dennis Irwin, the Irish international defender, after a penalty appeal by United was turned down.

Earlier, Sweeney had awarded two penalties against United, giving Ian Wright the chance to earn Arsenal their victory with spot-kicks converted after ten minutes and 26 minutes.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, was clearly angry afterwards and said: "The referee set out to be the star of the show." His opposite number at Arsenal, George Graham, was diplomatic about the two penalties, saying: "Some days you get them, some days you don't."

There was a muted debut for United's £3.75 million record signing the Republic of Ireland midfield player, Roy Keane, as Arsenal won the first pyschological battle before the teams meet again in the Charity Shield at Wembley on August 7.

☐ Zambia's reconstituted team qualified for the African nations' cup finals in Tunisia next year after holding Zimbabwe to a 1-1 draw in Harare yesterday. Henry McKop gave Zimbabwe the lead in the 29th minute goal and Zambia, who are coached by Ian Porterfield, equalised through Kalusha Bwalya in the 68th minute.

Wednesday combat legal action over Warhurst

BY ROB HUGHES

SHEFFIELD Wednesday, a club with championship aspirations, were scheduled to catch a plane to Belfast at 8.45 this morning for pre-season matches against Glentoran and Bangor in the shadow of an ugly legal wrangle involving their £3 million-rated forward, Paul Warhurst.

Solicitors' letters have been sent to Sheffield from both Blackburn Rovers and the player's agent attempting to pressurise Wednesday to sell Warhurst and, in return, Sheffield Wednesday's lawyer will today seek to take out an injunction against the agent.

Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, at first tried to evade questions concerning the legal threats, but last night, feeling that he had no choice but to defend his club, he admitted that Blackburn Rovers had sent his club a letter threatening legal action unless Warhurst is sold to them by 6pm tonight.

In addition, the agent, Ian Glynn, also sent Wednesday a solicitor's letter threatening action unless the player is sold by noon today and, yesterday, Sheffield's own legal representatives were drawing up their response in the first instance in seeking a High Court injunction against Glynn.

"I obviously will not talk about legal matters in public," Francis said, "but I will say that I am convinced Sheffield Wednesday are 100 per cent in the right, that we are determined to keep Warhurst, who has two years to go on his contract, and that I could do without this when we have such a tremendous spirit going for us at the club, a spirit into which our new signing Des Walker has entered as happy as Larry."

Francis admitted he had, earlier this month, agreed with Ray Harford, Blackburn's assistant manager, a conditional sale of Warhurst that involved a £3 million cash transfer. It is believed that after Francis gave permission for Warhurst to talk to Blackburn, he was offered up to three times his £100,000 salary at Sheffield — a salary which in itself trebled the money Warhurst was on when Francis bought him for £750,000 from Oldham the season before last.

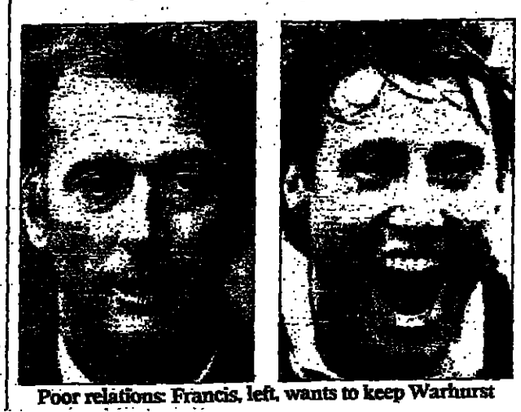
However, Francis had always insisted that he told Harford the sale was conditional on him signing a replacement — he had broadcast this condition during a BBC Radio 5 interview on the day that Harford met Warhurst — and, when Sheffield Wednesday's own attempt to sign Brian Deane from their neighbours Sheffield United fell through (after a similar scenario in which Deane had talked terms with Francis) the Sheffield manager called a halt to the sale of Warhurst.

Francis emphasised that Warhurst, in pre-season training and during Wednesday's 5-0 and 6-0 victories in practice matches at Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City, had been "tremendously committed".

Francis admitted last night that his troubles with Warhurst began before Blackburn made a bid for the player. The player's agent had asked Francis to renegotiate better terms with Warhurst 24 hours before Wednesday played Arsenal in the FA Cup final. Then, on the eve of the replay of that contest, Francis had sharp words with Warhurst.

I understand from other players that the manager told Warhurst he would need him in his original position, centre back, when Paul Shirtliff broke down with injury. Warhurst replied that he considered himself now to be a forward and would prefer to be on the bench than to revert to centre back. Francis lost his temper, ordered the player to leave the training ground and relented only after Warhurst had been persuaded by other senior players to apologise.

Francis said he is determined first to try to manage the situation by retaining the player and that, although it breaks his own code of not renegotiating terms during the length of a contract, he has already told Warhurst: "What you did in the last months of last season was phenomenal. You will start this season as a goal-scorer, and if you confirm the form of last season I would be willing to make an exception, and to offer you terms in respect of the higher status your form has merited." Could anything sound fairer?



Poor relations: Francis, left, wants to keep Warhurst

Leamington hosts big chance for Roylance

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

OVER the next two weeks, close to a thousand county champions will converge on Royal Leamington Spa to take part in the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association national championships.

The leafy Warwickshire town has established itself as the Wimbledon of bowls as far as the nation's women bowlers are concerned since the championships left their previous home, in Wimbledon, more than 20 years ago.

The link with tennis may be tenuous, but the championships, which start with the inter-county semi-finals and final today, will be played in Victoria Park, a short stroll from the place where the world's first lawn tennis club was formed in 1872.

The competition will be cut-throat, especially with places in next year's Commonwealth Games squad at stake.

A glance at the list of singles competitors reveals the determination of previous winners like Mary Price, of Buckinghamshire, and Jean Baker, of Derbyshire, to re-establish their claims after a disappointing showing in last year's world bowls at Ayr.

Jayne Roylance, of Norfolk, who won the indoor singles title at Stevenage in March, has her sights set on a unique double, while Jean Evans, of Peterborough, the 1991 champion, has qualified from Huntingdonshire.

Last year's champion, Wendy Line, was beaten in Hampshire this summer, and is unable to defend her title.

Among the younger players is the youngest ever to compete in the final stages of the EWBA championships, Amy Gowshall, who lines up in the triples with her mother, Chris Gowshall and Nora Hall, of Grimsby's Park Avenue club, was 14 in March.

England triumph to claim crown

BY JOHN WATSON

THE annual Hurlingham Polo Association international day, sponsored by Cartier, was staged for the 22nd occasion on the Guards Club's ground at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday, the leading contestants being Chile and England. With both teams aggregating about 27 goals on handicap, England won the Coronation Cup by eight goals to three.

Both squads were superbly mounted. England from the teams for whom they played in the British Open, Chile from the strings of such well supplied player-patrons as John Manconi, Brook Johnson and Robert Hanson.

The match was over six chukkas and play was on equal terms for the first three, the score being 3-3 at reading-in time. Under the skilful captaincy of their No 3, Gabriel Donoso, Chile played an excellent tactical game. Donoso's brother, Jose, kept well up the ground to take the passes, at one, while Fernando Fantini and Rodrigo Vial also backed up and marked to good effect.

From England's clear supremacy in the second half of the game it is difficult not to conclude that one or two of the Chilean players are over-handicapped. The main driveof the England team came from the Hipwood brothers, Howard and Julian. They were backed by Lord Charles Beresford, perhaps the most effective man in that position in Europe, and up front by William Lucas, who plays off a six handicap.

Although England drew ahead during the second half it must be pointed out that Fantini and Gabriel Donoso missed the many penalty-goal chances they were given by inches.

After the Queen presented the Coronation Cup to the England captain, Howard Hipwood, she made a number of other awards. Will Lucas won the Cartier award for the most valuable player in the encounter, while the World of Sport trophy for the most useful pony in the game was given to Robert Hanson for his 11-year-old chestnut English thoroughbred, Apache, which Fantini rode in the fourth and sixth chukkas.

The prize for the man adjudged by the Hurlingham Association to be the most improved young player of the season went to Julian Daniels.

The result of the second match, the five-chukka contest for the Silver Jubilee Cup, was a 7-5 victory for Canada against the Prince of Wales's HPA team.

ENGLAND: 1, W Lucas (6). 2, J Hipwood (7) 3, H Hipwood (8). Back, Lord C Beresford (6).
CHILE: 1, J Donoso (5). 2, R Vial (7) 3, G Donoso (8). Back, F Fantini (6).
CANADA: 1, G Weston Junior (2). 2, T Offen (6). 3, D Offen (6). Back, S Dalton (8).
PRINCE OF WALES' HPA TEAM: 1, A Hine (5) 2, J Lucas (5). 3, A Kent (7). Back, Prince of Wales (2).

Jackson denies claim

COLIN Jackson, the Wales athlete who is unbeaten over the 110 metres hurdles this season, yesterday answered a claim from the Olympic silver medal-winner, Tony Dees, that he cannot handle the big occasion.

Jackson, 26, has still to win at the highest level, having finished second in the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1989 world championships. Dees insisted Jackson will be runner-up again at next month's world championships in Stuttgart. "A lot of people think he is a choker when it really matters," Dees, from the United States, said.

Jackson said: "If he wants to make that sort of comment, it's up to him. I'm determined to show I'm the best hurdler in the world. Everything has gone well this season."

Victory for Brook reaps high dividend

BY OUR RIFLE SHOOTING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN Brook, a quantity surveyor who shoots for the London and Middlesex Rifle Association and the Stock Exchange Rifle Club, won the Queen's prize by a single point on Saturday with a record score of 295 after the keenest contest seen for several years.

It was clear from the qualifying round last Wednesday that it would be that way. The ammunition was perfect, the weather conditions even and scores were high. It was the same in the second stage, where Brook won the silver medal with a maximum 150.

This took him into the final on Saturday one point ahead of some highly-regarded rivals. After the 900-yard range, at which he scored 73, he was still one ahead of Antony Ringer, the winner last year, who had put on 74 but had had fewer to carry over from the second stage.

They each made 72 at 1,000 yards. Meanwhile, Martin Millar, from Northern Ireland, scored 74, the highest at 1,000 yards, taking him into third place.

Only five points separated the leading 30 competitors, with the man placed 100th just 25 points behind the winner. The top-scoring woman competitor was Mrs Sarah Kent, of the Old Epsomians, placed fifth on 293.

RESULTS: Queen's prize: 1, C Brook (London and Middlesex), 295.29pts; 2, A Ringer (Uppingham Veterans), 294.39; 3, M Millar (Comber), 294.35. Ambidextrous trophy: J Messer (Sussex), 291. Prince of Wales prize: 1, L Peden (OCRA), 75.14/25.4; 2, A Luckman (Surrey University), 75.14/23.3. Chancellors trophy: 1, Cambridge University, 1,169.142; 2, Oxford University, 1,120.107.
Land Rover Discovery trophy (1,000 yds): 1, R Greenhalgh (Wandsworth), 74.12; 2, A Jones (N London), 74.08; 3, C Whatley (Canada), 74.10. Meadowlands trophy (900 and 1,000yd): 1, England, 1,137.111 (M Kirkillo-Staszewicz 98.10); 2, Canada 1,128.100 (J Howard, 98.10); 3, Ireland, 1,127.112 (C Johnson 98.9). Under-25 international: 1, Great Britain, 589.74 (R Vary 149.74); 2, Canada, 578.64. University long range (900 and 1,000yd): 1, London, 384.43 (A Bhargava 98.15); 2, Oxford A, 374.34 (P Hickman 95.8); 3, Cambridge A, 374.33 (P Chapman, 96.12).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ferry rescues crew of capsized yacht

THE two-man crew of the yacht, Magic Machine, a Dutch entry in the 2,000-mile Teeside two-man round Britain yacht race, were rescued yesterday after their yacht capsized in the English Channel.

The skipper, Richard Everdij, and the crewman, Adriaan Valen, were picked off their 45-foot yacht by the ferry, Stenna Londoner en route from Newhaven to Dieppe shortly after 11.30 yesterday morning. They were later transferred to the Eastbourne lifeboat and taken ashore uninjured.

Everdij said later that the yacht's keel had broken off, apparently after a welding failure. Magic Machine then overturned so quickly that there was no time to launch the life-raft. Both men, who were in the cockpit at the time, were thrown into the water but managed to scramble on to the hull and await rescue. The incident happened in force 67 westerly winds 12 miles south of Beachy Head, about 180 miles short of the finish at Plymouth.

Haddock retains title

BOXING: Neil Haddock retained the British super-featherweight title in Oldham yesterday, stopping Steve Walker, of Manchester, after 2min 46sec of the seventh round. The Welsh southpaw, 29, became the first of 14 champions to retain the crown since the super-featherweight division was reintroduced in 1986. The turning point came in the sixth round when a straight left sent Walker tumbling to take a count of six from the referee, Larry O'Connell. A left hook completed the task in the seventh when Walker, 31, got up at eight, but O'Connell signalled the fight over. Haddock will now make a mandatory defence against another Welshman, Floyd Havard.

Errors rule the day

CROQUET: Nerves played their part in deciding both the singles and doubles finals of the British Open championships at Hurlingham. Doubles holders, Chris Clarke and Robert Fulford, overcame a 2-1 deficit against Nigel Aspinall and Stephen Mulliner when two errors from Aspinall in the last two games allowed them to take the title, 3-2. It was a similar story in the singles final, where David Maugham let Reg Bamford level the match at 1-1 after missing a very short shot. Bamford then missed his own chance of sewing up the championship in game four before winning the deciding game with a whitewash.

Skelton gives boost



EQUESTRIANISM: Nick Skelton, left, gave the British showjumping team for the European championships next week a morale boost with two class wins at the Royan International Show. He won with Everest Limited Edition yesterday, and took the puissance event on Saturday night. Michael Whitaker also had a good win in the Prix Hermes speed class with Everest My Mesieur.

Egypt arrive in style

SQUASH: Egypt, competing in the 20-nation world junior women's championships for the first time, yesterday took three first round scalps with their stylish, but virtually unknown, players. England's defence of the individual title — Silke Bartel, of Germany, is top seed — is led by Donia Leeves and Jenny Tranfield, who won their matches convincingly, as did Tracey Shenton, Stephanie Brind and Jane Thacker.

Scotland also advanced firmly, with wins from Claire Waddell, Wendy Maitland and Pamela Nimmo.

One-run win for India

CRICKET: India snatched a tense one-run win over Sri Lanka with four balls to spare after they appeared to be heading for defeat in the first of three one-day internationals in Colombo yesterday. Sri Lanka, chasing 212 off 50 overs, were comfortably on course at 161 for two after half-centuries by Chandika Hathurusingha and Aravinda de Silva. But they collapsed, losing their last five wickets for 25 runs. India's captain, Azharuddin, juggled his bowlers to perfection, and after Sri Lanka's strong start, only Sanath Jayasuriya, with 17, reached double figures.

Young Lions triumph

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Great Britain Young Lions amateur side won for the third time on its tour of Australia on Saturday, defeating South East Queensland 28-10 at Harvey Bay. John Clarke, the hooker, and Mike Hill scored two tries and Dave Seeds the other one, with Craig Murdock kicking four goals. Hull have signed the former Australia international half back, Des Hasler, 31, from Manly-Warringah. David Fraisse, 24, the French international centre, has arrived at Sheffield Eagles for a trial.

Perkins breaks record



SWIMMING: Kieren Perkins, left, broke his second world short-course record in 11 days, reducing the 800m freestyle mark by almost four seconds at the Sydney grand prix yesterday. Perkins, of Australia, the Olympic 1500m gold medal winner, clocked 7min 34.90sec over 800m during the 1,500m metres final, after breaking his own 1,500m record earlier in the series.

Becker stands firm

TENNIS: Boris Becker's lawyer, Axel Meyer-Woelden, yesterday rejected claims by Ion Tiriac that he was still the three-times Wimbledon champion's manager after Becker's announcement last week that he had ended their ten-year association. Tiriac had told a German newspaper that his contract "cannot be legally terminated before 1997 and Boris Becker has not attempted to terminate or otherwise end it unilaterally". Meyer-Woelden said: "The contracts that Tiriac cites do not stand up to a legal review."

US qualify for finals

HOCKEY: The United States have qualified with Germany, Argentina, Canada and Russia for next year's women's World Cup finals in Dublin, after winning a fifth place penalty shoot-out in Philadelphia on Saturday.

☐ England's under-21 squad for the Junior World Cup in Spain in September faces goalkeeping problems. Simon Mason broke a finger while training, leaving Jimmy Lewis to share goalkeeping duties with Matthew Prestwich, of Teddington, who has been brought into the squad.

New Zealander remains cool under fire at the course he can never forget

Charles rewrites his favourite story

BY MEL WEBB

BARRY GREENWOOD



Plenty of puff: Larry Laoretti, of the United States, draws on his cigar during the final round at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday

THIRTY years after winning his one and only Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes, Bob Charles came back to the scene of his triumph and took the Senior British Open yesterday after a finish that was every bit as exciting as anything he has achieved in a 40-year career.

Charles, the lanky New Zealander, has always been long on talent and short on the stuff of which the great characters of the game are made. His only concession to beating Tommy Horton and Gary Player by one shot with a final 74 and a total of 291, seven over par, was an understated tip of the visor, and the merest suggestion of a wave to the crowd.

Without knowing otherwise, it would have been difficult to tell that Charles had just seen Horton throw away the lead he had held since the 12th by putting his drive into the rough, pulling his second into a greenside bunker and taking three to get down for a bogey five.

Charles, without doubt the greatest left-hander the game has ever seen, and the leading senior money-winner in the world this year, faced a seven-foot birdie putt for the title. As befits a man who, in his prime, was considered the best putter in the world, he rolled it in with a minimum of fuss to win the £36,650 top prize. When he won the British Open he collected precisely £1,500.

"It's a great feeling to come back here and win again after 30 years, especially after coming close for the last two years," he said. "I'm proud of myself that I held myself together in the closing holes. The wind was much stronger than it was 30 years ago, and I'm pleased that although I didn't overcome this magnificent golf course, I at least overcame the elements."

Charles must have thought the title was slipping away when he blundered off the tee at the short 12th. With the rain falling for the first time in the day, he put a three-iron under the lip of a bunker, slashed the ball back down into the sand, then bladed his attempted recovery over the green. He chipped back, took two putts and had to settle for a triple-bogey six.

A few moments earlier, Horton had birdied the 11th to move into a share of the lead. Charles's calamity, plus a par four for himself, put him three in front. He stayed that way until a double bogey at the 15th dropped him back to seven over par and a shot in front with the last hole to play.

With Gary Player, who had been dismissing his form all week, already in the club-house on eight over after a birdie at the last for a closing 73, all Horton had to do was par the last. Sadly for him, he failed to do so, and was distraught after his few moments of misery on the last, with the British gallery rooting for him.

It is the third time this season he has failed to win after leading deep into the final day. He led by two with four holes to play in the Gary Player Classic at St Pierre, only to put his ball into the water twice on the 15th; and, needing a four to win the Northern Electric Seniors, he went into a bunker and took six. He won £18,905 here to remain the leading European on the order of merit — but to one so competitive it was poor consolation.

The drama of Charles's victory came at the end of a blustery day when, with pulses of heavy rain sweeping the course, the scoring once again soared. But not everybody suffered pain in the rain. The best score of the day was posted by Tony Grubb, 57, who has had a poor season in seniors golf. He finished fourth, a shot behind Player and Horton, and collected £11,000, the best pay day of his golfing life, and £10,000 more than gained by his PGA championship win in 1964.

Spare a thought, finally, for David Craik, of Scotland, who signed off with an 88 for a total of 324, 40 over par, and four shots worse than the next man. Craik's figures looked like the stuttering stuff of a midweek society meeting, but the reality on these formidable links was of an utterly different order. Forty over par? For the ordinary mortal, 40 over on this course, in these conditions, would have been luxury, sheer luxury.

SCORES

GB and Ire unless stated

291: R Charles (NZ), 73, 73, 71, 74. 292: G Player (SA), 73, 74, 72, 73; T Horton, 73, 72, 73, 74. 293: A Grubb, 77, 73, 71, 72. 295: J Hirsch (US), 73, 71, 74, 77. 296: L Higgins, 70, 71, 75, 79; B Huggett, 72, 73, 75, 76. 297: A Proctor (US), 73, 76, 73, 75. 298: J Fourie (SA), 72, 77, 75, 74. 299: N Drew, 73, 73, 73, 80; D Snell, 74, 78, 69, 78; C O'Connor, 72, 77, 72, 78; J-M Roca (Sp), 75, 72, 75, 77. 300: A Palmer (US), 73, 76, 75, 76; B Wallas, 77, 75, 73, 75. 301: B Zimmerman (US), 69, 77, 75, 80; *C Green, 72, 78, 75, 76. 302: L Laoretti (US), 75, 71, 78, 78; S Hobday (SA), 74, 77, 75, 76. 303: F Boobyer, 74, 73, 72, 84; R Terry (US), 75, 79, 71, 78; *J Stahl (US), 74, 75, 76, 78. 304: R Fidler, 77, 74, 75, 78; D Talbot, 77, 77, 74, 76. 305: M Demiano (Fr), 75, 75, 75, 76; F Rennie, 77, 76, 75, 77; H Muscroft, 72, 76, 74, 83

* denotes amateur

Montgomerie finds form to end two-year barren spell

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

COLIN Montgomerie, of Scotland, ended a frustrating two-year barren spell when he shot a final round of 69 to win the Dutch Open by one stroke in Noordwijk, Holland, yesterday.

A seven-under-par total of 281 gave Montgomerie his first victory since he won the 1991 Scandinavian Masters in Stockholm. Since then he has been a runner-up six times, finishing second three times this season.

The Frenchman, Jean Van de Velde, who won the Roma Masters in April, had five birdies in a round of 68, the best of the day, to finish joint second with Jose Coceres, of Argentina. Ian Woosnam was fourth after a disappointing final round of 73.

Two 40-foot putts with a new putter for a birdie four at the 9th and an eagle three at the 11th sent Montgomerie to the head of the field after he had started the last round four shots behind Coceres.

But it was his par four at the fearsome 16th which clinched the £108,330 first prize, taking him to second in the Ryder Cup points table and third in the Order of Merit.

Montgomerie could not reach the green into the wind, even with a full-blooded three-iron approach, but he chipped expertly to two feet and made no mistake over the last two holes.

"I came from four behind for my last win in Sweden and the anniversary of that is next week," he said. "I have waited a long time for this and there have been so many near misses. I missed the cut in the Open last week but my coach told me the reason for my poor form was that I was spinning out too soon with my left hip. I have cured that now and I'm enjoying my golf again."

However, Montgomerie was given an anxious hour before he could be sure he had ended his victory famine. A thunder and lightning squall halted play for 35 minutes just after he had signed his card, leaving Woosnam, Coceres and Ronan Rafferty still capable of overtaking him.

But all three came to grief at the 16th and when Coceres failed to hole his bunker shot at the 18th the Scot was able to celebrate. "It was getting a bit frustrating but I never gave up hope of winning again," he said.

Van de Velde also hit form with his putter, with birdies on three of the first four holes to charge out of the pack. When he chipped in at the 9th, from 25 yards to reach the turn in 32, and birdied the long 11th as well, he was also seven under par.

But the 27-year-old from Martinique missed the green at the 16th and took three more to get down. He had to hole from 12 feet and five feet for pars at the last two holes. He took home £56,450, more than he collected for his win in Rome.

Coceres finished with 74 while Rafferty, the halfway leader, closed with a 75 to finish fifth, edging out Steen Tinning, of Denmark, who also had a 75, and Mark Roe, who ended with a 70.

SCORES

GB and Ire unless stated

281: C Montgomerie, 68, 73, 71, 69. 282: J van de Velde (Fr), 73, 70, 71, 68; J Coceres (Arg), 69, 70, 69, 74. 283: I Woosnam, 71, 70, 69, 73. 284: P Rafferty, 67, 70, 72, 75. 285: M Roe, 70, 71, 74, 70; S Torrance, 71, 70, 69, 75. 286: P Eales, 68, 74, 74, 70. 287: O Karlsson (Swe), 76, 71, 69, 71; J Berendt (Arg), 69, 73, 73, 72; E Darcy, 70, 74, 69, 74; J Parnevik (Swe), 71, 71, 70, 75. 288: A Johnstone (Zim), 73, 69, 73, 73. 289: M Farry (Fr), 71, 74, 72, 72; P McGinley, 74, 73, 70, 72; V Singh (Fr), 72, 70, 73, 74; S Torrance, 72, 69, 72, 76; A Sorensen (Den), 70, 69, 73, 77

Alfredsson waits for storm to abate before challenge

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CARMEL, INDIANA

INDIANA has escaped the ravages of rain and flooding that have been plaguing states further west for the past few weeks, but, on Saturday night, a vicious little thunderstorm, incorporating a mini flash-flood, hit Crooked Stick golf club and upset preparations for the final round of the US Women's Open championship yesterday.

Branches littered the course, creeks were swollen, bunkers flooded and the mopping up operations delayed the start of play by an hour.

It is rare for a women's Open to proceed uninterrupted, so the older hands knew how to cope and they included Helen Alfredsson, the Swede who was leading Hiromi Kobayashi, of Japan, by two shots after three rounds. Last year, at Oakmont, play was positively staccato because of all the rain and Alfredsson was disraught after shooting 79 in the second round. She made the cut, however, and ended up sharing thirteenth place.

She has learned what it is all about and, although she is still big, bouncy and noisy and admits patience is not her strong point, she is now more in control of herself on the course and is becoming a formidable competitor. Her bid to become the first Swede, and the first European, to win the Open since Liselotte Neumann in 1988, will not be harmed by the fact that she won the Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the season in March.

On Saturday, Alfredsson shot a 69, three under par, that featured three threes in a row from the 7th. The first two were birdies and the third an eagle at the ninth, where she hit a four iron to six feet. She and Kobayashi were helped by the collapse of Michelle McGann, the 36-hole leader.

McGann, 23, from Florida, bogeyed the first four holes — she is a diabetic and reckoned the tension and excitement had affected her blood sugar level — and had two double bogeys and an eagle in her 78. She ended two under par and still came up smiling. "Do I have to talk about it?" she asked afterwards before reliving every detail of a dire, nationally-televised, day.

McGann, touted as the biggest hitter here, had to give distance to Laura Davies, the women's only remotely plausible answer to John Daly. The former British and US women's Open champion hit a couple of monsters in the 280-yard range on Saturday and led the statistics with an average of 271 yards. She played awesomely from tee to green, but did not hole enough putts. A 69 left her at three under par, alongside JoAnne Carner and Patty Sheehan, the defending champion, who took a triple bogey seven at the 18th, hitting two balls into the water.

Davies thought she could still win, given a fair start, but Kobayashi, in a better position, was less sure of her own chances of becoming the first Japanese to win the Open. "I was a lot of nervous," she said after her third round.

SCORES

AFTER THREE ROUNDS (US unless stated): 207: H Alfredsson (Swe), 68, 70, 69. 209: H Kobayashi (Japan), 71, 67, 71. 210: D Andrews, 71, 70, 69, P Bradley, 72, 70, 68. 211: A Okamoto (Japan), 69, 72, 71; N Lopez, 70, 71, 70; D Ammacapane, 71, 70, 70. 212: L Merten, 71, 71, 70. 213: L Davies (GB), 73, 71, 69, P Sheehan, 73, 71, 69; K Tschetter, 73, 71, 69, N Foust, 71, 71, 71; J Carner, 71, 69, 73. 214: M Mallon, 73, 72, 69; M McGann, 70, 66, 78. 215: S Steinhauer, 73, 67, 75; G Graham (Can), 72, 73, 70; C Johnson, 71, 75, 69; S Hamlin, 74, 68, 73, B Mucha, 75, 69, 71, K Robbins, 71, 70, 74. Other British: 220: P Wright, 73, 73, 74.

Chance to tee up for slice of Spanish high life

BY MEL WEBB

THE finalists in *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge in late November have a treat awaiting them. The final will played on the South Course at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in Murcia in southeast Spain, and the contestants should enjoy four memorable days in luxurious surroundings.

The management of the resort, which at 1,400 acres is larger than the principality of Monaco, has been taken over by Hyatt International in partnership with the owner of La Manga, P&O company Bovis Abroad Ltd. They have given the complex a £30 million facelift.

The finalists will be staying in the Hotel Principe Felipe, the centrepiece of the resort. It has been redeveloped from the original 60-bedroom hotel on the site into a £20 million facility.

The ambience of the hotel is uncompromisingly luxurious, with the emphasis on space. Lofty vaulted ceilings, wrought iron detailing and rich fabrics in the public rooms are just a taste of what is to come in the 192 bedrooms, most of which overlook the golf courses.

The finalists will play on the South Course, once the stage for the Spanish Open and for many years the venue for the Professional Golf Association's European Tour qualifying school. It has been extensively redesigned by Arnold Palmer, who won the Spanish Open there in 1975.

Palmer's design company has altered the nature of the course by providing tighter fairways, new tees and moundings. It has also completely redesigned many bunkers.

The owners of the resort recently announced their candidature for the 1997 Ryder



Cup. The course is certainly worthy of that event and finalists in *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Challenge should be thoroughly tested.

The signature hole of the course is the short 8th, a striking hole that has been totally changed by Palmer. A bunker to the right of the green has been extended back to a small lake, and is now a huge beach trap. Woe betide any player who pushes their tee shot even a few yards offline.

Smaller but important changes have been made to the rest of the course, and although it was opened only on June 20 after nine months of intensive work, it already has the potential to become one of the finest inland courses in Europe.

There is still time to enter the challenge, the first competition in the country aimed specifically at the business community.

The response has been encouraging in what is the event's first year, with the challenge office receiving more than 1,500 enquiries.

The rules of the competition are simple. Companies which register in the challenge must stage an 18-hole Stableford event with at least 25 competitors. They must play off ⅞ of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

The 25 teams with the best aggregate score will qualify for one of five regional finals. Each team should include the leading three members of staff and the leading guest — provided they are amateurs, have an official club handicap and will be available for the regional and national finals.

The five regional finals, in early October, will be held, all golf expenses paid, at Fulford (North), Collingtree (Midlands), Bristol and Clifton (West and Wales), Haggs Castle (Scotland and Ireland) and Foxhills (South East).

The winning team in each region will go through to the national final at La Manga from November 25 to 29 to be played under a 36-hole Stableford format over two days on the South Course. Flights — by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, Spain's national airline — and accommodation at the Hotel Principe Felipe will be paid for by the organisers. The final has been approved by the Royal and Ancient Club, thereby protecting the amateur status of competitors.

Companies can register for £150, which includes a challenge trophy for the individual winner at their golf day, and three shields, all personalised, for the three runners-up.

Fixture lists appear weekly in the sports pages of *The Times*, and results also appear in the paper on a weekly basis. A selection of personalised merchandise is also available to companies.

Glamorgan inspired to victory by Richards

Glamorgan inspired to victory by Richards

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

WORCESTER (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 27 runs

STILL they keep winning. Glamorgan have now taken maximum points from the last eight Sundays, defeating Worcestershire yesterday with the ease of practised performers, which a study of their form in this competition reveals they are not.

By doing so, they also fired a pre-emptive shot across the Worcester bows before the NatWest Trophy quarter-final tie at Swansea tomorrow.

That will be a very different match, or at least it ought to be, given Worcestershire's recent record in the longer limited-overs competitions. Here they found a target of 260 out of bounds by 27 runs despite the best, and late, efforts of Rhodes and Lampitt.

Although Curtis batted through 34 overs for 62 those runs came in a losing cause. Glamorgan's out-cricket saw to that. No one fielded with greater distinction than Viv Richards who effected one run-out, held a brilliant catch and threw in two wickets of his own to put the lid on a notable all-round performance.

It is 25 seasons since Glamorgan won the second of their two championships. That was the year, 1969, when Sunday cricket became a part of the English game. Since then, Glamorgan's best position was fifth, in 1988, not a dainty dish to set before the king.

Rather like Middlesex, who won the competition last year for the first time, the Welsh county have suddenly cracked this particular code.

Middlesex, of course, have won every other cup so, should the Glamorgan ship maintain its steady course, the celebrations would be all the more festive.

Morris chose to bat first and neither he nor Dale did anything to regret the decision. The captain had made 87 out of 150 when he went in the 32nd over, having supplied the kind of start which relieves the burden on those who follow.

It took Martin Weston's introduction to disturb that opening partnership. He had not bowled a ball in any form of cricket this season, and when Morris speared the second ball of his first over into the tent at midwicket it was not hard to see why. Next ball he was a happier bowler when Rhodes accepted the edge.

That dismissal caused Glamorgan to lose their bearings for a while. Maynard looked aggrieved to be given out caught behind as he attempted to reverse sweep Hick. Dale foolishly ran himself out and it was eventually Croft who lent Richards support towards the end.

Richards had bided his time but when he slipped his leash the effect was dramatic. The last over but one, from Radford, cost 19 runs as Richards plundered three consecutive boundaries to reach his half century. To make matters worse for Radford, Richards immediately added another four.

In three overs Richards and Croft, who lifted Illingworth over long-on for six, made 45 breathless runs. It mattered little that they perished in the last over, Richards for a 54-ball 63. Glamorgan had 259 runs on the board, enough to defend confidently.

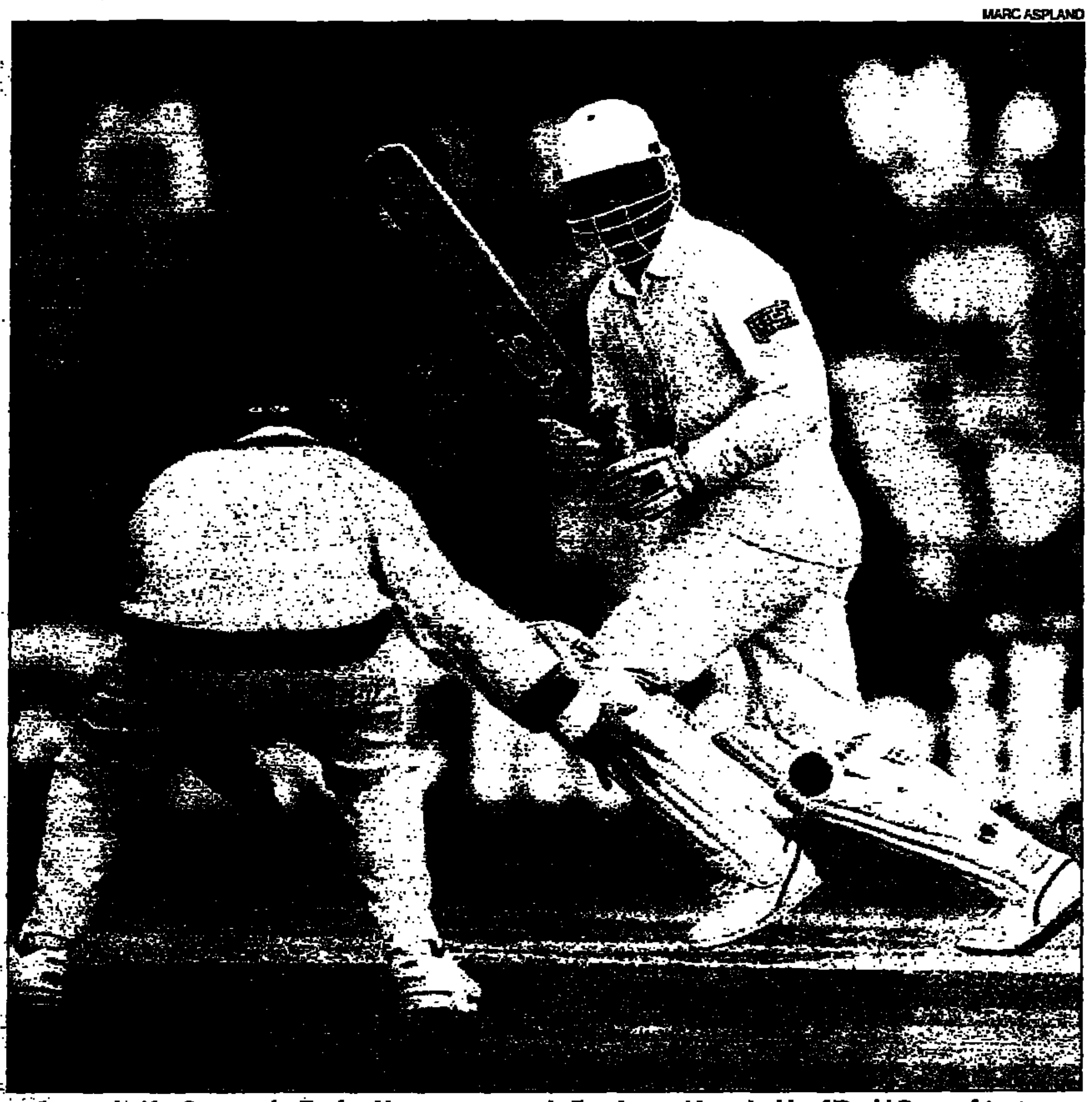
Their score looked more formidable when Richards, moving swiftly and striking directly, ran out Hick from mid-wicket. There followed one of "Viv's specials" as he celebrated by dashing 50 yards in a semi-circular movement which took him, and half a dozen followers, past the departing batsman.

No one could deny him now. His slow bowling accounted for Curtis and Leatherdale. In the field no one dared tweak his tail and he held a superb running catch to send back Newport. This was Viv at his best, rolling back the years to revisit his supple youth. Hurrah!

SUNDAY LEAGUE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Glamorgan (16)	11	8	2	0	1	34
Kent (5)	11	7	2	0	2	32
Surrey (4)	10	6	2	0	2	28
Lancashire (11)	10	5	3	0	2	24
Middlesex (1)	11	5	4	1	1	24
Northants (13)	10	5	3	1	1	24
Sussex (11)	10	5	3	1	1	24
Derbyshire (13)	10	5	4	0	1	22
Warwicks (8)	10	5	4	0	1	22
Essex (2)	10	5	5	0	0	20
Leics (18)	9	4	4	0	1	18
Gloucs (6)	9	3	5	0	1	14
Hampshire (3)	10	2	5	0	3	14
Worcs (7)	10	2	5	1	2	14
Yorkshire (15)	9	3	5	0	1	14
Durham (8)	10	2	6	0	2	12
Notts (17)	10	3	7	0	0	12
Somerset (5)	10	1	7	0	2	8

MARC ASPLAND



Leg work: Alec Stewart, the England batsman, turns a ball to the on-side and wide of David Boon, of Australia, at Headingley yesterday. Stewart scored an unbeaten 59 after England followed on. Report, page 19

England keep alive final hopes

BY SARAH POTTER

ENGLAND overcame a spirited Indian side in a thrilling women's world cup match at Finchhampstead yesterday to keep alive their ambitions of reaching the final.

India won the toss and elected to field, restricting England to 179 all out in their 60 overs. India, led by the combative Diana Edulji, chased to the end and failed by only four runs.

England, already beaten by New Zealand and with the favourites Australia to face today, found that even comparative outsiders India were no pushovers. The slope at the Berkshire ground is similar to a more famous one at St John's Wood and with sunshine, shadows and a packed appreciative crowd it created an atmosphere perfect for a women's international. The England players would not mind if the real place was as empty as the Kalahari in high summer. It's the being there that matters.

With so much at stake and a shock defeat against New Zealand allowing no margin for error, nerves are understandably jangling in the England camp.

Yesterday's innings was not all down-slope freewheeling. A slow start, in which Jeanette Brittin and Helen Plimmer were too long in finding the gaps, added to the tension.

Brittin, though, eased into her elegant form and registered her second century of the competition before being run out for the third consecutive time.



Smithies: pressure

Communication will have to improve quickly if England are to tread the Lord's turf next Sunday because they must first defeat the current champions and cup favourites Australia, at Guildford today.

Wednesday's loss to New Zealand, in the match that was expected to reveal Australia's opponents in the final, could prove decisive.

Dismissing the Kiwis for a miserly 127 runs in 60 overs exceeded England's pre-match hopes, pointed to a home win and, barring calamity, a place in the Lord's final.

Equally miserly bowling strangled England's run chase to the point of suicidal panic, with five run outs confirming defeat by 25 runs.

"The pressure was too much from the word go," lamented England's disappointed captain Karen Smithies. "To watch Jeanette Brittin struggle for 14 runs in 74 balls was so unusual that the younger players got increasingly worried. Looking back at it, we just played into their hands."

The round-robin format means that a single defeat makes it difficult to reach the final but two makes it all but impossible.

England's task today is an unenviable one. Australia have forgotten what it is like to lose a World Cup match and would delight in eliminating their old rivals.

Karen Smithies can hardly bear the thought. "We have been working so hard and want it so much, I can't imagine what my feelings would be." She pauses to pluck a clump of grass. "Just bad for the game."

For England now, Lord's and the ladies depends on just one, jolly good game.

SCORES: England 179 (59.5 overs: J Brittin 100; D Edulji four for 12)

Gatting steps up Sunday quest

THE county championship is not the only title that Middlesex are intent on winning this year. It should not be forgotten that they are Sunday league champions and, having the captain that they do, are intent on remaining so. Yesterday Mike Gatting made his first century of the season in the AXA Equity & Law League, one which led to a victory over Hampshire that was no less conclusive than on Saturday (Ivo Tennant writes).

His unbeaten 104 included a six and 11 fours, several of them in partnership with Ramprakash, with whom he put on 185 for the fourth wicket.

Hampshire lost Middleton in the first over, one of three wickets which Fraser took in his opening spell, and thereafter never looked likely to make the total of 247 that they required.

Tufnell, playing in only his second Sunday match of the season, gained four of the last five Hampshire wickets to fall.

This leaves Middlesex bracketed with Sussex in third place, ten points behind Glamorgan, the leaders, and eight behind second-placed Kent, who beat Somerset by three wickets in a low-scoring match at Taunton.

Here the benefits of having a side batting all the way down the order were vividly apparent — Marsh at No. 8 and Ealham, a useful cricketer indeed at No. 9, won the match with an unbroken partnership of 52. This following half-centuries by Rose and Payne in the innings of Somerset.

Sussex were beaten at Derby by Malcolm at his most hostile. Three wickets in seven balls was his return after taking his best figures for Derbyshire, six for 57, against the same opposition in another triumph on Saturday. In a match reduced by rain to 38 overs a side, he brought about victory by 81 runs.

At Chelmsford, Essex beat Durham on a faster scoring rate in a match in which 20 rowdy Durham supporters, some wearing Newcastle United football colours, were ejected from the ground by stewards after complaints from spectators.

Salim Malik made his highest Sunday score of the summer, 71 from 70 balls, for Essex. He was, indeed, the only batsman to play with any authority in a contest dominated by bowlers of all denomination, including Such, whom England have missed so much at Headingley in the Fourth test. Essex won with seven balls to spare.

Middlesex take on look of winners

BY IVO TENNANT

IT IS becoming not so much a question of whether Middlesex will win the Britannic Assurance county championship as when they will do so. The extent of their lead on the table, enhanced by 23 points through beating Hampshire in three days, will not be known until tonight but one thing is certain: any side which supplants them will, to paraphrase Fred Trueman, be bloody tired.

Their eighth victory of the season, as with their seventh over Warwickshire, was brought about by Emburey running his way through an innings. His figures of eight for 40, achieved on a slow but turning pitch, were the best of his 20-year career. No wonder he is still talking about wanting to play for England.

Middlesex will be quite content if he does not. They are, of course, lucky in that in another year they could conceivably have been without Gatting and Tufnell all the time, as well as Emburey, Ramprakash, Fraser and even Williams, to say nothing of Haynes had West Indies been touring. As it is, the likelihood is that only Tufnell will be taken from them next month.

So who can catch them? Not, for the time being, Surrey, unless they can make the 353 runs they need to beat Northamptonshire today without their two England batsmen, Stewart and Thorpe. They have eight wickets intact. Lamb (remember him?) made 88 off 93 balls and Fordham and Bailey compiled similarly telling scores in Northamptonshire's impressive second innings.

As for Glamorgan, they have to make 331 to beat Worcestershire, which would be the highest total by some way in this match. They have the incentive to do so, given the lead that Middlesex have at the top of the table, and the capacity, given the batsmen they have in form. Alas for them, they allowed Worcestershire to recover from 124 for six to 247 all out. They cannot afford a repeat if they are intent on becoming champions.

All this and Essex, who are, after all, the champions, being given the runaround by Durham. It would not have happened last year and it is hard to imagine it is happening even now. Yet Durham have a lead of 185 with eight wickets in hand.

Perhaps Botham chose the wrong moment to retire after all.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD (*third day of four*): *Durham, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs ahead of Essex*

DURHAM: First Innings 483 (P Bainbridge 150 not out, W Larkins 80; J H Childs 5-89)

Second Innings

G Fowler not out 28
W Larkins c Stephenson b Such 20
P W G Parker c Stephenson b Such 13
S Hutton not out 7
Extras (b 6, lb 8, nb 4) 16
Total (2 wkts) 84

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-66.

BOWLING: Pringle 8-3-13-0; Topley 9-3-18-0; Stephenson 10-3-27-0; Such 9-4-12-2; Childs 1-1-0-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

*P J Prichard b Brown 87
J P Stephenson c Smith b Brown 0
N V Knight c Scott b Cummins 10
Salim Malik c Smith b Brown 40
J J B Lewis b Berry 32
†M A Garnham c Cummins b Brown 106
D R Pringle b Berry 57
T D Topley c Larkins b Brown 22
P M Such b Cummins 1
S J W Andrew c Scott b Cummins 6
J H Childs not out 0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 4, nb 26) 41
Total 382

Score after 120 overs: 382-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-56, 3-133, 4-148, 5-211, 6-298, 7-367, 8-374, 9-382.

BOWLING: Cummins 30.1-2-102-3; Brown 31-10-111-5; Bainbridge 8-2-11-0; Graveney 22-6-50-0; Berry 29-3-87-2.

Bonus points: Essex 7, Durham 8.

Umpires: P B Wight and D R Shepherd.

Derbyshire v Sussex

DERBY (*third day of four*): *Derbyshire (20pts) beat Sussex (4) by an innings and 135 runs*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 183 (K J Barnett 73)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Moores b Giddins 67
J E Morris b Pigott 104
C J Adams c Giddins b Pigott 96
T J G O'Gorman b North 3
D G Cork b Hemmings 11
*K J Barnett b Hemmings 29
†K M Krikken run out 17
A E Warner b Hemmings 16
S J Base c Hall b Pigott 0
D E Malcolm c Hall b Hemmings 10
O H Mortensen not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1) 5
Total 379

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-177, 2-220, 3-227, 4-253, 5-322, 6-350, 7-357, 8-361, 9-374.

BOWLING: Stephenson 16-2-61-0; Giddins 20-1-85-1; North 15-1-65-1; Pigott 22-3-99-3; Hemmings 35.5-10-65-4.

SUSSEX: First Innings 193 (F D Stephenson 57 not out; S J Base 5-59)

Second Innings

C W J Athey not out 72
J W Hall b Warner 2
D M Smith b Warner 0
*A P Wells b Malcolm 11
M P Speight c Krikken b Cork 19
J A North c Base b Cork 2
†P Moores c Warner b Malcolm 41
F D Stephenson c Cork b Malcolm 0
A C S Pigott c Cork b Malcolm 0
E E Hemmings c Base b Malcolm 4
E S H Giddins b Malcolm 0
Extras (lb 13, w 2, nb 8) 23
Total 174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-6, 3-17, 4-58, 5-88, 6-159, 7-164, 8-164, 9-174

BOWLING: Malcolm 16.3-3-57-6; Warner 15-7-39-2; Cork 11-4-16-2; Mortensen 17-10-19-0; Base 11-3-30-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer.

Leicestershire v Warwickshire

LEICESTER (*third day of four*): *Warwickshire have a first-innings lead of 96 runs over Leicestershire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 284 (K J Piper 52; D P Ostler 51)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon lbw b Reeve 7
*N E Briers b Donald 0
A R K Pierson c Donald b Reeve 22
J J Whitaker c Piper b Donald 10
J D R Benson c Piper b Donald 2
P E Robinson b Donald 8
L Potter c Ostler b N M K Smith 28
†P A Nixon not out 64
W K M Benjamin c Reeve b Booth 1
G J Parsons lbw b Donald 18
A D Mullally b Donald 2
Extras (b 3, lb 13, w 4, nb 6) 26
Total (95.2 overs) 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-7, 3-32, 4-34, 5-52, 6-54, 7-117, 8-122, 9-172.

BOWLING: Donald 25.2-9-57-6; N M K Smith 27-8-54-1; Reeve 20-12-20-2; Bell 8-3-13-0; Booth 15-3-28-1.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Middlesex v Hampshire

LORD'S (*third day of four*): *Middlesex (23pts) beat Hampshire (6) by nine wickets*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 280 (D I Gower 91, R S M Morris 54; J E Emburey 4-75)

Second Innings

R M F Cox b Emburey 17
R S M Morris c Roseberry b Emburey 4
D I Gower lbw b Tufnell 5
V P Terry b Tufnell 13
*M C J Nicholas c Roseberry b Emburey 15
K D James c and b Emburey 0
†A N Aymes c Gatting b Emburey 0
S D Udal c Haynes b Emburey 25
M J Thursfield c and b Emburey 0
C A Connor b Emburey 8
D P J Flint not out 0
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total 88

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-21, 3-31, 4-41, 5-44, 6-44, 7-63, 8-65, 9-83.

BOWLING: Feltham 3-1-3-0; Fraser 2-1-2-0; Emburey 28.2-9-40-8; Tufnell 28-11-42-2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Terry b Udal 22
M A Roseberry c Flint b Thursfield 5
*M W Gatting lbw b Flint 84
M R Ramprakash b Udal 0
J D Carr lbw b James 15
†K R Brown c Morris b Thursfield 45
J E Emburey c Aymes b Thursfield 29
M A Feltham c Aymes b Connor 0
N F Williams c Flint b Connor 44
A R C Fraser c Terry b Thursfield 29
P C R Tufnell not out 17
Extras (b 1, lb 17, nb 2) 20
Total (116.3 overs) 310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-74, 3-76, 4-109, 5-168, 6-201, 7-202, 8-218, 9-262.

BOWLING: Connor 25.3-8-70-2; Thursfield 25-10-78-4; James 15-7-25-1; Flint 22-5-47-1; Udal 29-8-72-2.

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out 41
M A Roseberry lbw b Udal 14
*M W Gatting not out 4
Extras 0
Total (1 wkt) 59

FALL OF WICKET: 1-51.

BOWLING: Udal 8-0-35-1; Flint 3-0-16-0; Connor 2-1-6-0; Morris 0.4-0-1-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire.



Emburey: eight wickets against Hampshire

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OLD TRAFFORD (*third day of four*): *Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Nottinghamshire*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 295 (M Watkinson 102; C L Cairns 6-70)

Second Innings

J P Crawley not out 52
G D Mendis lbw b Cairns 10
S P Titchard lbw b Afford 16
N J Speak not out 5
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 8) 16
Total (2 wkts) 99

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-49.

BOWLING: Cairns 8-1-10-1; Evans 7-2-23-0; Lewis 6-6-11-0; Afford 14-2-35-1; Field-Buss 12-8-11-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Watkinson 65
M Saxelby c and b Watkinson 41
*R T Robinson c Speak b Watkinson 13
P Johnson lbw b Chapple 187
M A Crawley c Hegg b DeFreitas 24
C L Cairns c Hegg b Martin 51
C C Lewis c Hegg b Martin 83
K P Evans lbw b Martin 0
†B N French st Hegg b Watkinson 40
M G Field-Buss not out 4
J A Afford b Chapple 8
Extras (b 24, lb 10, nb 10) 44
Total 560

Score at 120 overs: 382-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-121, 3-146, 4-199, 5-290, 6-468, 7-468, 8-523, 9-543.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 25-4-81-1; Martin 32-6-105-3; Chapple 20.5-4-83-2; Barnett 45-13-140-0; Watkinson 40-10-117-4.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Nottinghamshire 8.

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White.

Somerset v Kent

TAUNTON (*third day of four*): *Somerset (21pts) beat Kent (4) by seven wickets*

KENT: First Innings 144 (N J Llong 56 not out; Mushtaq Ahmed 4-56)

Second Innings 201 (T R Ward 95; Mushtaq Ahmed 6-40, N A Mallender 4-33)

SOMERSET: First Innings 211 (R J Harden 121; D W Headley 5-70)

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Llong b Hooper 14
N A Folland c Marsh b Davis 58
R J Harden not out 41
*C J Tavaré c Ward b Llong 8
K A Parsons not out 4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 2) 10
Total (3 wkts) 135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-97, 3-120.

BOWLING: Headley 8-1-34-0; Ealham 3-0-28-0; Hooper 14-8-17-1; Davis 15-3-44-1; Llong 5-2-3-1.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston.

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON (*third day of four*): *Surrey, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 353 runs to beat Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 238 (N A Felton 68)

Second Innings

A Fordham c Ward b Murphy 87
N A Felton c Kersey b Benjamin 3
R J Bailey c Lynch b Butcher 86
*A J Lamb lbw b Waqar 88
M B Loye run out 42
K M Curran b Waqar 16
A L Penberthy run out 21
†D Ripley c Kersey b Butcher 4
A R Roberts b Butcher 0
C E L Ambrose c Murphy b Smith 8
J P Taylor not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 7) 8
Total 383

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-145, 3-269, 4-279, 5-303, 6-339, 7-349, 8-349, 9-356.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 21-4-74-2; Benjamin 22-5-58-1; Murphy 26-7-94-1; Butcher 18-5-73-3; Smith 10-0-56-1.

SURREY: First Innings 169 (C E L Ambrose 4-40, J P Taylor 4-51)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Taylor 5
P D Atkins not out 21
*D M Ward lbw b Curran 32
†G J Kersey not out 2
Extras 0
Total (2 wkts) 60

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-44.

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-6-15-0; Taylor 8-3-18-1; Penberthy 3-1-10-0; Curran 5-4-2-1; Roberts 2-0-7-0; Bailey 1-0-8-0

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 5, Surrey 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R Julian.

CORRECTION: Surrey: First Innings: please read D M Ward b Ambrose 40, deleting M Ward not out 35, not as previously published.

Worcestershire v Glamorgan

WORCESTER (*third day of four*): *Glamorgan, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 331 to beat Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 257 (D B D'Oliveira 73, S D Thomas 4-84)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Watkin 45
M J Weston c Richards b Thomas 0
G A Hick c Metson b Watkin 9
D B D'Oliveira c Cottey b Thomas 13
S R Lampitt c Metson b Thomas 4
†S J Rhodes c and b Dale 25
P J Newport c Richards b Thomas 54
W P C Weston c Metson b Croft 1
C M Tolley c Croft b Watkin 7
R K Illingworth not out 42
N V Radford b Thomas 29
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 4, nb 2) 18
Total 247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-49, 4-55, 5-78, 6-124, 7-141, 8-155, 9-194.

BOWLING: Watkin 26-7-63-3; Thomas 23.3-2-76-5; Lefebvre 22-9-30-0; Dale 9-1-27-1; Croft 21-8-39-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 184 (C M Tolley 4-67)

Bonus points: Worcestershire 6, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and A A Jones.

Axa Equity & Law League

Leicestershire v Warwickshire

LEICESTER: (*Warwickshire won toss*). *Warwickshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire on a faster scoring rate*

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon b Small 4
*N E Briers b P A Smith 10
J J Whitaker c Moles b Donald 83
J D R Benson c Small b P A Smith 10
P E Robinson c Small b P A Smith 22
L Potter c Donald b P A Smith 2
†P A Nixon c Penney b P A Smith 23
W K M Benjamin not out 6
V J Wells not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3) 9
Total (7 wkts, 34 overs) 170

G J Parsons and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-30, 3-42, 4-83, 5-90, 6-161, 7-162.

BOWLING: Reeve 10-2-40-0; Small 7-2-11-1; *P A Smith 10-1-54-5, N M K Smith* 2-0-21-0; Donald 5-0-38-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Mullally 8
Asif Din c Parsons b Wells 23
D P Ostler lbw b Parsons 24
P A Smith run out 25
*D A Reeve not out 15
R G Twose b Wells 0
T L Penney b Parsons 5
N M K Smith not out 18
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2) 6
Total (6 wkts, 22.5 overs) 124

†K J Piper, G C Small and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-55, 3-67, 4-87 5-87, 6-94.

BOWLING: Benjamin 6.5-1-41-0; Mullally 3-0-19-1; Parsons 8-1-38-2, Wells 5-0-24-2.

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD: (*Essex won toss*): *Essex (4pts) beat Durham on a faster scoring rate*

DURHAM

G Fowler c Lewis b Topley 20
W Larkins c Such b Topley 9
P W G Parker c Stephenson b Boden 12
P Bainbridge c Boden b Stephenson 20
S Hutton c Garnham b Boden 1
I Smith c Knight b Such 37
A C Cummins c Knight b Such 11
†C W Scott c Shahid b Such 9
*D A Graveney not out 19
S J E Brown c Garnham b Topley 7
S P Hughes lbw b Pringle 5
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 4) 13
Total (48.1 overs) 163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-36, 3-48, 4-52, 5-91, 6-112, 7-122, 8-141, 9-149

BOWLING: Pringle 9.1-3-18-1; Topley 10-0-43-3, Boden 10-0-48-2, Stephenson 9-1-25-1, Such 10-2-25-3.

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Hutton b Bainbridge 13
J P Stephenson c Smith b Hughes 4
N V Knight c Larkins b Graveney 16
Salim Malik not out 71
D R Pringle c Larkins b Brown 1
N Shahid not out 20
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 2) 12
Total (4 wkts, 39.5 overs) 137

J J B Lewis, †M A Garnham, T D Topley, D J P Boden and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-27, 3-64, 4-65

BOWLING: Hughes 10-4-28-1, Cummins 9.5-2-34-0; Brown 10-2-35-1; Bainbridge 5-1-14-1; Graveney 5-0-22-1.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P B Wight.

Somerset v Kent

TAUNTON: (*Kent won toss*): *Kent (4pts) beat Somerset by three wickets*

SOMERSET

G W White lbw b Headley 1
*C J Tavaré c Fleming b Hooper 15
†N D Burns c Marsh b Ealham 2
K J Parsons lbw b Penn 22
A N Hayhurst c and b Fleming 8
G D Rose not out 78
Mushtaq Ahmed c Marsh b Fleming 0
A Payne not out 55
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 2) 12
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 193

N A Mallender, A P van Troost and A C Cottam did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-7, 3-47, 4-48, 5-65, 6-71.

BOWLING: Headley 10-3-30-1; Ealham 10-2-44-1, Penn 8-1-19-1; Hooper 10-5-8-1, Fleming 8-0-57-2; Llong 4-0-27-0

KENT

T R Ward c Payne b van Troost 4
M V Fleming c Burns b Rose 18
C L Hooper c and b Mallender 6
*M R Benson c Burns b Rose 4
N R Taylor lbw b Rose 44
N J Llong run out 42
G R Cowdrey c White b Rose 1
†S A Marsh not out 20
M A Ealham not out 32
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 12) 25
Total (7 wkts, 48.3 overs) 196

D W Headley and C Penn did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-38, 3-38, 4-44, 5-140, 6-141, 7-144.

BOWLING: Mallender 10-1-24-1, van Troost 9-0-45-1; Rose 10-2-26-4; Payne 7-1-31-0, Cottam 6-0-24-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 6.3-0-38-0

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston

Worcestershire v Glamorgan

WORCESTER. (*Glamorgan won toss*): *Glamorgan (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 27 runs*

GLAMORGAN

A Dale run out 57
*H Morris c Rhodes b Weston 87
M P Maynard c Rhodes b Hick 0
I V A Richards c Curtis b Lampitt 63
P A Cottey c Rhodes b Hick 5
D L Hemp c Tolley b Newport 12
R D B Croft c Leatherdale b Lampitt 16
R P Lefebvre not out 4
†C P Metson not out 0
Extras (lb 4, w 9, nb 2) 15
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 259

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-152, 3-171, 4-186, 5-210, 6-255, 7-255.

BOWLING: Newport 10-1-37-1, Tolley 8-0-41-0; Lampitt 4-0-25-2; Radford 5-0-38-0; Illingworth 10-0-51-0; Hick 10-0-49-2; Weston 3-0-14-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

G A Hick run out 5
N V Radford c Metson b Lefebvre 6
*T S Curtis c Dale b Richards 62
D B D'Oliveira st Metson b Croft 26
D A Leatherdale c Morris b Richards 38
†S J Rhodes c Hemp b Lefebvre 37
M J Weston run out 1
S R Lampitt c Lefebvre b Watkin 21
P J Newport c Richards b Watkin 3
R K Illingworth not out 13
C M Tolley b Lefebvre 3
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 7) 17
Total (49.1 overs) 232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-75, 4-141, 5-157, 6-172, 7-200, 8-205, 9-221.

BOWLING: Lefebvre 9.1-0-38-3; Watkin 10-1-33-2; Barwick 10-1-43-0; Croft 5-0-27-1; Dale 9-0-54-0; Richards 6-0-27-2.

Umpires: A A Jones and K E Palmer.

Derbyshire v Sussex

DERBY (*Sussex won toss*). *Derbyshire (4pts) beat Sussex by 81 runs in a reduced-overs match*

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler run out 57
C J Adams c Wells b Stephenson 43
J E Morris c Wells b North 6
T J G O'Gorman c Athey b Giddins 60
D G Cork b Stephenson 8
A E Warner b Stephenson 1
*K J Barnett not out 11
†K M Krikken not out 1
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 4) 12
Total (6 wkts, 38 overs) 199

S J Base, O H Mortensen and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-59, 2-68, 3-168, 4-176, 5-184, 6-195.

BOWLING: Giddins 10-0-65-1; Stephenson 10-0-44-3; Pigott 10-0-36-0; North 1-0-8-1; Salisbury 7-0-40-0

SUSSEX

D M Smith lbw b Malcolm 10
M P Speight c Warner b Malcolm 14
C W J Athey lbw b Malcolm 0
*A P Wells lbw b Warner 0
J A North c Krikken b Cork 48
N J Lenham c Krikken b Warner 1
F D Stephenson c and b Malcolm 4
†P Moores c Morris b Cork 11
I D K Salisbury b Mortensen 18
A C S Pigott c Base b Mortensen 2
E S H Giddins not out 0
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 4) 10
Total (29.2 overs) 118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-24, 4-36, 5-48, 6-51, 7-90, 8-102, 9-109

BOWLING: Warner 8-1-29-2; Malcolm 8-1-42-4, Cork 7-0-24-2; Mortensen 6.2-0-20-2.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer.

Middlesex v Hampshire

LORD'S: (*Middlesex won toss*): *Middlesex (4pts) beat Hampshire by 81 runs*

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes b Thursfield 21
M A Roseberry lbw b Turner 31
M R Ramprakash not out 69
J D Carr c Aymes b James 0
*M W Gatting not out 104
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 6) 21
Total (3 wkts, 50 overs) 246

†K R Brown, P N Weekes, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-60, 3-61.

BOWLING: Connor 10-1-24-0, Thursfield 10-0-44-1; James 10-0-48-1; Turner 10-0-47-1; Udal 9.1-1-60-0; Nicholas 0.5-0-8-0

HAMPSHIRE

T C Middleton c Brown b Fraser 0
D I Gower c Brown b Fraser 17
J R Wood c Brown b Fraser 9
V P Terry c Brown b Emburey 9
*M C J Nicholas c Emburey b Weekes 14
K D James c Carr b Tufnell 32
†A N Aymes b Tufnell 17
S D Udal not out 18
M J Thursfield st Brown b Tufnell 4
C A Connor b Tufnell 25
I J Turner lbw b Fraser 2
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 3) 18
Total (44.5 overs) 165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-12, 3-35, 4-50, 5-60, 6-106, 7-119, 8-125, 9-162.

BOWLING: Fraser 8.5-2-17-4; Cowans 7-1-20-0; Emburey 10-2-25-1; Weekes 9-1-38-1, Tufnell 10-0-50-4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON. (*Surrey won toss*) *No result. Northamptonshire (2pts), Surrey (2)*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Butcher b Hollioake 21
M B Loye st Kersey b Boiling 64
R J Bailey c Lynch b Murphy 5
**A J Lamb c Boiling b Waqar* 0
K M Curran c Lynch b Waqar 10
N A Felton c Kersey b Waqar 0
A L Penberthy b Boiling 0
†D Ripley not out 52
C E L Ambrose c Hollioake b Waqar 16
J P Taylor b Murphy 6
N G B Cook not out 1
Extras (lb 7, w 8, nb 2) 17
Total (9 wkts, 48 overs) 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-45, 3-58, 4-84, 5-84, 6-85, 7-131, 8-171, 9-192

BOWLING. Hollioake 8-0-37-1; Murphy 10-1-44-2; Butcher 10-0-46-0, Waqar Younis 10-1-38-4; Boiling 10-0-21-2.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, A D Brown, D M Ward, *M A Lynch, A W Smith, †G J Kersey, M A Butcher, Waqar Younis, J Boiling, A J Hollioake and A J Murphy.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R Julian

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OLD TRAFFORD (*Nottinghamshire won toss*): *Lancashire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 26 runs in a reduced-overs match*

LANCASHIRE

G D Lloyd c Crawley b Lewis 8
N J Speak c French b Lewis 0
*M Watkinson c Sylvester b Mike 0
Wasim Akram b Mike 3
P A J DeFreitas c French b Field-Buss 26
I D Austin c French b Evans 15
J P Crawley not out 44
S P Titchard c French b Evans 1
†W K Hegg not out 16
Extras (lb 6, w 1) 7
Total (7 wkts, 15 overs) 122

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-1, 2-4, 3-10, 4-12, 5-55, 6-61, 7-63

P J Martin and G Chapple did not bat.

BOWLING: Lewis 3-0-12-2; Mike 3-0-27-2; Sylvester 2-0-18-0; Field-Buss 2-0-16-1; Evans 3-0-21-2; Crawley 2-0-21-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Watkinson b Austin 12
P Johnson b DeFreitas 12
D W Randall c Wasim b Watkinson 11
C C Lewis run out 8
*R T Robinson b Chapple 11
G W Mike c Titchard b Martin 14
M A Crawley not out 16
†B N French b Austin 4
K P Evans b Wasim 4
M G Field-Buss b Wasim 0
S Sylvester not out 1
Extras (b 1, nb 2) 3
Total (9 wkts, 15 overs) 96

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-36, 3-44, 4-47, 5-69, 6-75, 7-88, 8-95, 9-95.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 3-0-17-1; Austin 3-0-31-2; Watkinson 3-0-20-1; Wasim Akram 3-0-8-2, Martin 2-0-15-1, Chapple 1-0-4-1.

Umpires: G Sharp and R A White

Passage of time mellows Big Bad Dennis



Andrew Longmore meets Dennis Conner, whose short fuse once matched his prowess at the helm

He is not difficult to spot. A big bear of a man with a shambling gait, wearing a Stars and Stripes shirt as voluminous as a spinnaker. The hand is surprisingly dainty, the greeting suitably terse. "Hey, Dennis Conner." Big Bad Dennis is in town, though not for long and not out of choice.

Conner has just finished a transatlantic race and snatched a rare day away from the boardrooms of corporate America to revisit his old haunts in Cowes, where once he raced in the Admiral's Cup, which starts on Thursday. It may be just coincidence that a meeting of America's Cup challengers was held in the town last week. "Know thy enemy" is one of Conner's favourite biblical sayings. He has had plenty to know during a hell-raising career dedicated to winning races not popularity.

The sight of "DC", feet splayed, trouser bottoms flapping like old Jack Tar himself, would be enough to paralyse the wallets of the richest and bravest of his potential foes. Conner has invested much of his life in

> 'It has always been the way in the America's Cup. You can have all the talent in the world and it won't make you the winner'

the "Auld Mug" and, as Tom Blackaller, one of Conner's fiercest rivals, once said, "you would have to crawl over his dead body to win it from him". And spend countless millions for the privilege.

On a career path littered with achievements, Conner passes a personal milestone later this year when he reaches the age of 50, and there are signs that time has softened the heart as well as thickened the waistline.

In the freshness of an English summer's morning, he cuts a very different character from the ogre whose habit of terminating interviews with journalists unable to spell his surname correctly fashioned the legend almost as surely as his prowess at the helm.

In his youth, Conner had the shortest fuse on the high seas and enjoyed the notoriety his frequent explosions and his erratic behaviour encouraged. These days, as he trawls the multi-national companies for money to finance his next campaign, facts and figures prove more persuasive than bullying.

"I'm mellower now than I was 22 years ago when I first started in the America's Cup," he said. "I'm wiser, more mature and that's taken some of the edge off my competitiveness. When you've won 26 world championships, an Olympic medal, four America's Cups and been yachtsman of the year seven times, there is not the same urgency to prove your superiority all the time. I'm still demanding and I like to surround myself with winners, with people who work hard, not normal people.

"I like people with good strong attitudes and I've never worried much about popularity, but I'm not as ferociously keen to win the America's Cup this time as I was the first. It's not as important to me. I have other things going on."

If you believe that, you might also believe that Conner lost the America's Cup in 1983 on purpose, to stimulate international interest in a one-sided non-event.

The theory is plausible enough in financial terms. Australia's victory, the first by a challenger for 132 years, elevated the America's Cup to the superleague of sporting events, prompted massive investment and overnight pitched the fisherman's son from San Diego on to a wider stage, albeit in the role of villain. But the idea that Conner would knowingly lose a game of ducks and drakes, let alone an event he once likened to the "game of life", is pure fancy.

Point out to him the irony that the greatest winner on water will be best remembered for losing and those well-trained hackles start to rise. "That might be your perception of it. I like to think I will be remembered for losing the America's Cup and then winning it back. My biggest mistake in 1983 was not doing a better job on industrial espionage. By the time I knew what was going on, the cup was over."

Vilified and deserted by his own people, Conner enhanced his battered image by publicly congratulating the Australians. John Bertrand and Alan Bond, on their historic victory at an emotional press conference in the Newport National Armoury. "It wasn't fun. One of the low points of my life," he reflects now, ten years on.

Someone had to pay, of course, and four years later, Conner gained sweet revenge, winning back the trophy in Australia's own backyard. But if that was the high point, the low soon followed, a lengthy legal battle, fought out in the court-houses of California, which reduced one of sport's noblest events to the level of farce.

Conner said: "No one likes to see a sport wash its dirty linen in public. In the long term, positive things came out of it — a new boat and a better, more competitive spectacle." There were 22 challengers for the last cup, including two boats from the former Soviet Union and one from Japan.

But little has really changed. Since Sir Thomas Lipton used the event to sell more tea in the 1850s, the America's Cup, like Formula One motor racing, has been more about commerce and money than sport. Bill Koch, the successful defendant in 1992, had more money than his rivals and, unromantic though it may seem, Conner's ability to compete next time will depend on the decisions of corporate executives over the next 14 months, not his own unrivalled talent for match-racing.

"That's always been the way in the America's Cup. You can have all the talent in the world and it won't make you the winner. I was first attracted to the cup because I was the best sailor. But this game is about who is the best fund-raiser, marketing man and sailor.

"Right now, I'm in the marketing business, competing against IndyCars and tennis tournaments for the marketing dollar and I enjoy that side of it just as much. The pay-off is that when I've got everything together, I get to go and race." And he says he will keep doing so at least until the 21st century. "Right now, it's not necessary to have the best sailor on the boat. One day, it might be. I want to win with or without me on board, but it takes a smart man to know when to quit." Is he smart enough? "I sure am."

In the meantime, Conner's company also owns a boat called Winston which will compete, though probably without him on board, in the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts at the end of September, and a 50ft Formula One grand prix boat. He intends to compete in the next Olympics too, in a Soling.

But search for any trace of sentimentality in the decision, any sense of returning to his roots or proof that a sailor's heart still beats behind the businessman's wallet, and the response is swift and gruff. "I don't like sailing. I like to race. I like to compete." Big Bad Dennis is alive and well, after all.



New horizons: As he approaches 50, Conner is fund-raising for another America's Cup campaign. Photograph: Heinrich Hecht

Italians field strong hand for cup

BY MALCOLM MCKEAG

AS 23 of the world's best grand-prix level International Offshore Rule (IOR) yachts regroup in Cowes for the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, history shows signs of repeating itself. As in 1991, the Italians are beginning to look solid bets: the middle boat of their three-boat team, Larouge, comes to the biennial event as the Two Ton world champion, a title won in the warm-up regatta concluded this weekend.

The bet is underwritten by Italy's small boat, Brava Q8, owned by Pasquale Landolfi and helmed by Paul Cayard, which won her warm-up series, the One Ton circuit regatta.

While Brava won by a convincing points margin, Larouge took her title by a quarter-point over the defending champion, Shockwave, skippered by Neville Crichton, from New Zealand. Shockwave will race for Ireland in the Mumm event, under the name, Jameson 3.

Going into the final race of the series, a 99-mile course in the English Channel, Larouge and Shockwave were clear of the rest on overall points. All Shockwave had to do to be sure of the championship was stay within three places of the Italian.

This declared game plan was not so much abandoned as never adopted. The New Zealanders ignored the Italians at the start, tried a gamble which did not pay and were one from last as the fleet left the Solent, with Larouge already in the lead.

Through the day and night Shockwave worked through the closely-bunched fleet. Just before midnight the leaders came to the finish-line near the Needles lighthouse, with the New Zealanders just two minutes behind the Italians — but with two boats still between.

Shockwave crossed the finish 30 seconds astern of Rubin, of Germany — crucially, in fourth place — half a minute and a quarter-point finally costing her the title. So tight was the call on the line it took the International jury two hours the following morning to confirm the finish order.

Brava Q8 dominated the One Ton fleet, Cayard winning the five-race series with two firsts and two seconds, discarding a sixth. GBE International, the British yacht which broke her boom on Friday, did not sail the final race, preferring to check the rig for hidden damage or strain.

The main challenge to the Italians will probably come from Germany, with Rubin XII, owned by Hans-Otto Schumann, finishing third overall in the Two Ton world championship and Pinta, skippered by Willie Illbruck, which recently won the One Ton world title in Sardinia, finishing second overall in the One Ton racing at Cowes.

Germany won the Admiral's Cup in 1983 and again in 1985 and are the only nation other than Britain to win twice running.

FINAL OVERALL RESULTS: Two Ton world championship: 1, Larouge (G DeGennaro, Farr, It), 42.25pts; 2, Shockwave (N Crichton, Farr, NZ), 42.00; 3, Rubin XII (H-O Schumann, Judel/Vrolijk, Ger), 28.00; 4, Corum Rubis, (M Kermarec, Farr, Fr), 27.00; 5, Great Nowe II (J Calver-Jones, Farr, Aus), 25.25; 6, Swing, (S Suzuki, Japan), 24.83. 7, Provezza (E Imrie, Farr, Tur), 21.25. One Ton Circuit: 1, Brava Q8 (P Landolfi, Farr, It), 38.50; 2, Pinta (W Illbruck, Judel/Vrolijk, Ger), 32.50; 3, Thomas I-Punkt (T Friese, Judel/Vrolijk, Ger), 31.00; 4, Ninja (P Kurta, Farr, Aus), 29.25; 5, Corum Dimant (L Gelluseau, Jepessen, Fr), 29.00; 6, Jameson 1 (H Cudmore, Farr, Ire), 24.00. British: 8, GBE International (P Morten, Dubois), 18.00.

Pack gives England upper hand

Australia Under-21	12
England Under-21	22

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

A SUPERB forward effort by England, which effectively nullified the flair of Australia's backs, led to a thoroughly deserved victory in the under-21 rugby union international at Waratah Stadium here on Saturday. While the margin between the side was ten points, only desperate Australian defence and poor England finishing prevented a greater one.

The foundation for victory was laid by a dominant scrum and command at the lineout, where the locks, Bramley and Phillips, and the flanker, Diprose, were supreme. Australia only managed to keep in the game thanks to some accurate, long-range goal-kicking by their full back, Mandrusiak.

Although England had lost to New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory under-21 sides, it was evident from the opening minutes that their pack was in inspired form.

England were in control from the 11th minute when Catt, the stand-off, brushed aside a poor tackle from his opposite number, Hayes, to score and add the conversion. The scrum half, Bracken, scored the first of his two tries eight minutes before half-time after a splendid, charging run by the flanker, Dallaglio.



Mapletoft: experienced

England's 12-6 lead at half-time was reduced to 12-9 following Mandrusiak's third penalty goal in the 59th minute. But the decisive blow was delivered four minutes later when Bramley wisely opted for a five-metre scrum after Australia were penalised for collapsing the scrum. The England pack shunted the Australians over their own line and Bracken gratefully picked up the ball to score.

Although Mandrusiak kept Australia within reach, Greenwood's dropped goal in the seventieth minute guaranteed England victory. It was all the more worthy considering the side's lack of experience, with Mapletoft, the full back, one of the few players with a full season in the first division behind him.

SCORERS: England Under-21: Tries: Bracken (2), Catt. Conversions: Catt (2). Dropped goal: Greenwood. Australia Under-21: Penalty goals: Mandrusiak (4).

AUSTRALIA UNDER-21: T Mandrusiak (Queensland); P Jorgensen (New South Wales), J Swann (ACT), D Herbert (Queensland), S Taupeaafa (New South Wales); R Hayes (ACT), G Gregan (ACT), C Adams (New South Wales), M Tink (New South Wales), R Moore (New South Wales), O Finegan (New South Wales), T Jacques (New South Wales), S Pinkerton (New South Wales), D Kelaher (New South Wales, captain); F Finau (New South Wales).

ENGLAND UNDER-21: M Mapletoft (Rugby), J Sleightholme (Wakefield), W Greenwood (Wasps), D Edwards (Wakefield), A Healy (Waterloo); M Catt (Bath), K Bracken (Bristol); C Clark (Swansea), C Johnson (Leicester), D Crompton (Bath), R Bramley (Wakefield, captain), J Phillips (Northampton), A Diprose (Saracens), L Dallaglio (Wasps), R Hill (Salisbury).

Referee: P Marshall (New South Wales).

□ New South Wales fought back in the last 15 minutes after being six points down to beat South Africa 29-28 in Sydney on Saturday. South Africa appeared to be heading for victory at 21-15 but New South Wales launched a spirited comeback despite losing the former Australia captain, Nick Farr-Jones, with a wrist injury.

The Australian selectors have named three new caps in the team for the first international in Sydney on Saturday. The Queensland wing, Damien Smith, replaces the injured Paul Carozza, and the New South Wales pair, the stand-off half, Scott Bowen, and the second-row forward, Warwick Waugh, replace Pat Howard and Troy Coker respectively.

Bernès resigns over bribery claim

JEAN-Pierre Bernès, the man at the centre of the alleged French football bribery scandal, resigned as general secretary of Marseilles yesterday, the day before a disciplinary committee meets to decide the fate of the European champions.

Bernès, who was conditionally released from police custody last week after being charged with corruption, said in a letter of resignation: "Marseilles cannot remain a hostage to those, who through me want above all the destruction of the club."

He is accused of masterminding an attempt to bribe three Valenciennes players to throw a match against Marseilles on May 20, six days before the French champions beat AC Milan in the European Cup final.

Bernès again pleaded his innocence in the letter and said the accusations and the state of his health had forced him to stand down.

The French football league disciplinary committee will meet today to decide what action to take against Marseilles over their role in the alleged bribery scandal.

"The committee might have to hear players and officials and will make a decision within a fortnight," a committee spokesman said. Previously, the league had said it would wait until the end of the judicial investigation before taking any action.

Bernès, the right-hand man to the Marseilles chairman, Bernard Tapie, is among club officials likely to be called to give evidence at the hearing. He was given a hero's welcome when he did a lap of honour around the Marseilles ground at the first match of the season on Saturday.



Tapie: assault claim

Tapie has been acused by a French television company of assaulting a film crew and throwing a camera into the sea after Bernès boarded his luxury yacht.

Meanwhile, Jorge Burruchaga, the Valenciennes player, repeated his claim yesterday that Bernès asked him to lose a vital league game. In an interview in the French newspaper, *Journal du Dimanche*, Burruchaga said Bernès had called him before the match.

"Of course I spoke to Bernès on the telephone," Burruchaga, a member of the Argentina team that won the World Cup in 1986, said. "To make sure it was really him, I said: 'You're ringing me now but in 1988 you didn't thank me for giving you the telephone number of Diego Maradona's manager [in 1988, Marseilles tried to sign Maradona from Napoli]'.

"We were the only ones to know about that. He even asked me if I was still annoyed about it. That's definite proof that it was him. He asked me to take my foot off the gas, to let OM [Marseilles] win. He also made it clear that if we didn't do what he wanted, Tapie would be furious with him. We discussed the subject and at the end of the conversation I said 'we'll see'."

Bernès denies any involvement in the affair but is accused by the Marseilles midfield player, Jean-Jacques Eydelie, and three Valenciennes players, including Burruchaga.

The French first division club, Lyon, have appealed against a £20,000 fine and a demand for their relegation by Fifa, the world football governing body. Fifa imposed the sanctions over the non-payment of the £600,000 Lyon owed the Danish club, Lyngby, following the transfer of the striker, Torben Frank, a year ago.

هكذ من الإمل

Opera House excels for seniors

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



ED BYRNE

Triumphant return: Roberts gives Opera House a congratulatory pat after their King George success

WILL 1993 mark a turning point in British Flat racing by being remembered as the year of the older horse?

Opera House, by becoming only the fourth five-year-old to win the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes since its conception in 1951, confirmed at Ascot on Saturday the trend this summer of mature horses taking centre stage in top races.

The victory of Drum Taps in the Ascot Gold Cup at the age of seven, the surprise success of the four-year-old, Hamas, in the July Cup, the spirited performance of Misil, the five-year-old runner-up in the Eclipse, and the earlier success of Opera House in the Coronation Cup and Eclipse Stakes point to a subtle, yet significant, change.

While both Ballymoss (1958) and Royal Palace (1968) won the Coronation Cup and the Eclipse before triumphing in the King George, Opera House is the first five-year-old to achieve the feat.

The apparent resurgence of older horses should not come as a great surprise and it undermines recent calls from some quarters to do away with the weight-for-age allowance in top races — Opera House gave 12lb to three-year-olds on Saturday — in order to encourage owners to keep the older generation in training.

A fall in stallion values has meant owners now think twice before automatically packing off a three-year-old to stud at the end of its classic year — and it certainly contributed to the presence of Opera House at Ascot on Saturday.

The son of Sadler's Wells was ante-post favourite for the Derby in the early months of 1991, but a hairline crack in a pastern, sustained as a two-year-old, flared up that spring, preventing him racing as a three-year-old until September. Opera House progressed into a useful performer last year without looking as though he would trouble the best.

"I certainly wanted to keep him in training as a five-year-old. A few people looked at him during the winter but did not come up with a tempting enough offer," Michael Stoute recalled yesterday.

"Anthony Stroud [racing manager to Shaikh Mohammed, owner of Opera House] was keen for him to stay in training. Last year was the first season Opera House was a professional athlete. He was knocking at the door."

Like any trainer, Stoute relishes the prospect of having older horses in his yard. "They don't really peak physically until they are at least four. We love having them because we get to know them better. But one has to be realistic. If a three-year-old wins the Derby, Irish Derby and King George you have to send him to stud.

"It makes economic sense to retire a horse that has done enough. However wealthy a man is, some horses have to go towards paying for the operation. It is simply economics.

"And don't forget for a four-year-old to stay in training he must be mentally as well as physically sound and that is Opera House's great asset — his attitude."

Although Michael Roberts was forced to race wider than he would have wished for the first mile of Saturday's showpiece, Opera House was always travelling sweetly and, like most of Sadler's Wells' offspring, he relished the give underfoot.

User Friendly paid the price for bold front-running tactics and faded tamely entering the home straight. Commander In Chief led briefly, but Henry Cecil's dual Derby winner was soon swamped for speed by Opera House and was eventually pipped for the runner-up spot by White Muzzle, the Italian Derby winner. The front three pulled ten lengths clear of the chasing pack, headed by User Friendly who finished a short head in front of the admirable Drum Taps.

"Opera House is a really good horse now and can be recognised as such," Stoute added. Ladbrokes installed the winner as 5-1 favourite for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

White Muzzle put up a splendid performance on ground softer than was ideal and will be aimed at the Japan Cup.

Cecil said yesterday: "Commander In Chief did everything right but he and White Muzzle were not strong enough to hold the older horse. As the Commander gets older I am sure he will get better and I think the St Leger could be at his mercy."

Drum Taps has been allocated joint top weight of 9st 3lb in the Melbourne Cup. Lord Huntingdon hopes his experienced campaigner can become the first British-trained runner in Australia's top race.

3.20 KING GEORGE VI AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES
(Group I: £270,259: 1m 4f)

OPERA HOUSE b h. Sadlers' Wells - Colorspin (Shaikh Mohammed) 5-9-7 M Roberts (8-1) 1.

White Muzzle b c Dancing Brave - Fair Of The Furze (2 Yoshida) 3-8-9 J Reid (9-1) 2.

Commander In Chief b or br c Dancing Brave - Slightly Dangerous (K Abdulla) 3-8-9 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-4 User Friendly (4th), 8 Tenby, 14 Platini, 20 Drum Taps (5th), 40 Environment Friend (6th), 50 Jeune, 66 Desert Team. 10 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 10l, nk, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £8.70; £2.20, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £38.40. Trio: £23.90. CSF: £66.88. 2min 33.94sec.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: IHTIRAZ
(3.45 Newcastle)

Next best: Eurolink Thunder
(3.15 Newcastle)

THUNDERER

2.15 Sudden Spin. 2.45 Laurel Romeo. 3.15 HALF TERM (nap). 3.45 [illegible]. 4.15 Lucky Parkes. 4.45 Elzia. 5.15 Moussahim.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Half Term.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 FEDERATION BREWERY MEDALLION LAGER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,950: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (6) 014040 BIRCHWOOD SUN 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Dods) M Dods 9-7 J Lowe 98
2 (2) 103446 ASHGORE 37 (D,S) (H Ashworth) M Johnston 9-6 T Williams 97
3 (3) 433441 SUDDEN SPIN 9 (V,D,G) (Countess of Lonsdale) J Berry 9-4 P Roberts (7) 98
4 (1) 343106 LIDA'S DELIGHT 5 (F) (Patrington Haven Leisure Park) M W Easterby 9-2 T Lucas 96
5 (4) 0-06001 OUR SHADEE 14 (B,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-13 M Wigham 94
6 (5) 030-000 TRACHELIUM 20 (J Hanson) J Hanson 8-13 K Darley [illegible]

BETTING: 15-8 Sudden Spin, 5-2 Our Shadee, 4-1 Ashgore, 5-1 Birchwood Sun, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BIRCHWOOD SUN 20l 9th of 10 to Daick Steel in a handicap at Southwell (6f, good). ASHGORE 22¾l 6th of 7 to Young Valentine in a handicap at Ayr (7f, good to soft).
SUDDEN SPIN beat Mitbank Challenges by 1l in a 9-runner maiden handicap at Ripon (6f, good).
LIDA'S DELIGHT beat Nordoora a short head in a 16-runner handicap at Beverley in June (5f, good to firm).
OUR SHADEE beat Avril Etoile a neck in a 12-runner handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SUDDEN SPIN

2.45 FEDERATION BREWERY HIGH LEVEL BROWN ALE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,406: 6f) (3 runners)

1 (1) 5431 LAUREL ROMEO 18 (D,F) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 8-7 J Carroll 98
2 (2) 63 MIDNIGHT MAGPIE 11 (D Sobey-Olsen) Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 K Fallon [illegible]
3 (3) 613420 SWEET WHISPER 40 (G) (P Savill) R Hannon 8-4 K Darley 89

BETTING: 8-13 Midnight Magpie, 5-2 Laurel Romeo, 11-4 Sweet Whisper.

FORM FOCUS

LAUREL ROMEO beat Colsyth Flyer in a 5-runner claimer at Nottingham last time out (6f, good to firm).
MIDNIGHT MAGPIE 5l 3rd of 9 to West Quest in a maiden at Catterick (6f, good to soft). SWEET WHISPER 27l last of 11 to Brookhead Lady in a claimer at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). Previously, a neck 2nd of 8 to Imperial Bailiwick at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm).
Selection: MIDNIGHT MAGPIE

3.15 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER BEESWING STAKES
(Group III: £20,940: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (4) 123-160 CALLING COLLECT 41 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-2 J Carroll 87
2 (8) 522011 THOURIOS 16 (D,F,G) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 4-9-0 R Hills [illegible]
3 (5) 0-51012 TIK FA 17 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-0 W R Swinburn 97
4 (6) 24-0102 YOUNG SENOR 17 (B,D,F,S) (Moltera Racing) G Wragg 4-9-0 M Hills 92
5 (1) 053000 SON PARDO 10 (B,F,G,S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-11 K Darley 85
6 (7) 15-1314 EUROLINK THUNDER 40 (D,G,S) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 3-8-7 R Cochrane 88
7 (2) 413-641 FACTUAL 32 (D,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 82
8 (3) 1-1 HALF TERM 69 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7 L Dettori 87
9 (9) 410-50 SOOTY SWIFT 65 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-4 B Marcus 86

BETTING: 11-4 Thourios, 3-1 Half Term, 9-2 Tik Fa, 11-2 Eurolink Thunder, 7-1 Factual, 10-1 Calling Collect, Young Senor, 16-1 Son Pardo, 20-1 Sooty Swift.

FORM FOCUS

CALLING COLLECT 13l 8th of 9 to Alflora in the group II Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good to soft). THOURIOS beat Gabr ½l in an 11-runner conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good), with SON PARDO (4lb worse off) 8½l 8th. Previously, beat TIK FA (4lb better) 1½l in a 7-runner conditions race at York (1m, good to firm), with SON PARDO (4lb worse off) 8½l 7th. TIK FA dead-heated with Pembroke in a 6-runner conditions race at Yarmouth on penultimate start (7f, firm). YOUNG SENOR 3½l 2nd of 5 to Tapis Rouge in a conditions race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good). EUROLINK THUNDER about 3½l 4th of 15 to Ardkinglass in the group III Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot (7f, soft). HALF TERM beat Lord Olivier 2l in a 5-runner conditions race at Goodwood (6f, good to firm), with FACTUAL ½l and a head 4th.
Selection: HALF TERM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	8	20	40.0	Pat Eddery	15	35	42.9
J Gosden	7	18	38.9	L Dettori	7	32	21.9
G Harwood	5	14	35.7	R Cochrane	9	44	20.5
R Hannon	5	15	33.3	B Raymond	6	32	18.8
M Stoute	13	41	31.7	J Carroll	18	111	16.2

3.45 FEDERATION BREWERY SPECIAL ALE HANDICAP
(£6,618: 7f) (12 runners)

1 (1) 351286 BRIGADE 16 (D,BF,G) (E Stanley) D Loder 4-9-7 L Dettori 95
2 (12) 0-23000 DOUBLE BLUE 4 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-9-7 T Williams 93
3 (10) 450-260 KAYVEE 18 (D,F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 4-9-7 W R Swinburn 94
4 (4) 360509 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 9 (D,BF,G,S) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 8-9-7 M Birch [illegible]
5 (3) 141 WINGED VICTORY 80 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-9-3 NON-RUNNER
6 (7) 320000 BEWARE OF AGENTS 18 (D,F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-1 M Hills 95
7 (9) 02-1048 IHTIRAZ 36 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-13 R Hills 94
8 (6) 0-33405 HERORA 18 (F,G) (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 4-8-12 B Raymond 98
9 (2) 004-002 PARLIAMENT PIECE 7 (V,D,F,G) (G Fiender) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-12 K Darley 96
10 (8) 00-3002 PIQUANT 30 (C,D,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-11 Pat Eddery 96
11 (5) 506006 WILL OF STEEL 9 (D,G,S) (Estate of K Whelden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-10 J Carroll 97
12 (11) 551-036 ABERGELE 20 (D,F,G) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-8 K Fallon 95

BETTING: 4-1 Piquant, 9-2 Double Blue, 11-2 Ihtiraz, 6-1 Herora, 7-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 8-1 Parliament Piece, 12-1 Abergele, 14-1 Kayvee, 16-1 Brigade, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BRIGADE about 6¾l 6th of 9 to Croft Valley in a handicap at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good). DOUBLE BLUE 2¾l 2nd of 9 (subsequently demoted to last) to Powerful Edge in a conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).
CUMBRIAN WALTZER 3l 3rd of 11 to Hob Green in a handicap at Ayr (6f, good). HERORA about 5l 5th of 27 to En Attendant in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm), with KAYVEE (1lb worse off) [illegible] 9th and BEWARE OF AGENTS (same terms) 4l 15th.
PIQUANT 2l 2nd of 17 to Tawafij in a handicap over course and distance (7f, good to firm), with IHTIRAZ (same terms) 1¾l 6th and PARLIAMENT PIECE (9lb better off) over 10l 16th. PARLIAMENT PIECE 1½l 2nd of 9 to Veloce in a handicap at Ayr (7f, good).
Selection: HERORA

4.15 FEDERATION BREWERY BEST SCOTCH CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,769: 5f) (3 runners)

1 (2) 380101 STACK ROCK 16 (D,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 6-8-5 Stephen Davies (5) [illegible]
2 (3) 321131 LUCKY PARKES 7 (D,F,G) (J Heler) J Berry 3-9-0 J Carroll 93
3 (1) 404031 SAINT EXPRESS 17 (D,F,G) (M St Quinton) R Whitaker 3-9-0 A Culhane 91

BETTING: 11-10 Lucky Parkes, 15-8 Saint Express, 9-4 Stack Rock.

FORM FOCUS

STACK ROCK beat Palacegate Episode 2l in a conditions race at Chester last time out (5f, soft). Previously, 6l 8th of 20 to King's Signet in a handicap over course and distance last month (good to firm), with SAINT EXPRESS (11lb worse off) 3½l 13th.
SAINT EXPRESS beat The Sharp Bidder a head in a handicap at Chester (5f, good). LUCKY PARKES beat Dark Eyed Lady 5l in a conditions race at Bath (5f, good). Previously, 6l 3rd of 7 to Lochsong in a listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm).
Selection: LUCKY PARKES

4.45 MARTINI BIANCO SUMMER HANDICAP
(£2,976: 1m 2f 32yd) (4 runners)

1 (2) 46-0400 TOUR LEADER 41 (P Jones) T Barron 4-9-10 B Raymond [illegible]
2 (1) 052040 ROLY WALLACE 12 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-10 M Wigham 98
3 (3) 20-1623 ERZIA 11 (CD,BF,S) (Mrs H Cabot) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-8 K Darley 98
4 (4) 0-00 CIVIL ACTION 33 (BF) (J Hanson) J Hanson 3-9-2 A Culhane 90

BETTING: 5-4 Elzia, 2-1 Roly Wallace, 7-2 Tour Leader, 8-1 Civil Action.

FORM FOCUS

TOUR LEADER 9¾l 7th of 8 to Prince Hannibal at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). Previously, 23¾l 4th of 15 to Asian Punter in a handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good).
ROLY WALLACE about ¾l 4th of 14 to Spanish Verdict in a handicap at Pontefract on penultimate start (1m, firm). ERZIA 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Best Appearance in a handicap at Hamilton last time out (1m 1f, good).
CIVIL ACTION 33l last of 7 to Dee Raft in a claimer at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good).
Selection: ROLY WALLACE

5.15 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,655: 1m 4f 93yd) (5 runners)

1 (5) 202121 NORTHERN GRADUATE 4 (C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-1 (3ex) K Darley [illegible]
2 (2) 301360 HIERARCH 30 (D,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-9 Pat Eddery 97
3 (1) 0/00530- ROBERTY LEA 373 (D,F,G) (Wentdale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-4 M Birch 99
4 (3) 31-6012 MYSTIC MEMORY 12 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 Darren Moffatt (5) 95
5 (4) 3-34513 MOUSSAHIM 21 (V,D,BF,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 96

BETTING: 7-4 Northern Graduate, 11-4 Moussahim, 3-1 Mystic Memory, 9-2 Hierarch, 6-1 Roberty Lea.

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN GRADUATE beat Wileonic 1l in a 6-runner handicap at Hamilton last time out (1m 5f, good to firm).
HIERARCH 9l 12th of 18 to Highflying in a handicap here (2m, good to firm). Previously, 8l 6th of 18 to Pride Of Britain in a handicap at Royal Ascot (2m, soft).
ROBERTY LEA short head and ½l 3rd of 14 to Castoral in a handicap at Epsom on penultimate start in June 1992 (1m 4f, good to soft). MYSTIC MEMORY 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Carrolls Marc in a handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good). MOUSSAHIM 2l 3rd of 4 to Desert Laughter in a handicap at Ripon last time out (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm).
Selection: NORTHERN GRADUATE

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 3.15 Young Senor, Son Pardo. Southwell: 6.25 Pyrrhic Dance, River Fire, Hydropic. 8.55 Season's Star, Workingforpeanuts.

Roberts bounces back in style

By Richard Evans

THE victory of Michael Roberts on Opera House did little to reduce the sense of injustice felt by the champion jockey over his ten-day riding ban, which starts today, although he was able to joke about it following his King George triumph.

"It is a nice way to go on holiday," the South African-born rider said as he reflected on the controversial ban imposed a week earlier by Newbury stewards, who found him guilty of causing "intentional interference" while riding Sabrehill.

"I still feel what happened to me is unfair and unjust and I will never put it behind me. It is something on my record which should not be there. It should have been a four-day ban at worst."

On a happier note, Roberts, savouring Opera House's success, said: "I knew the three-year-olds were beaten when I looked across at the six-furlong pole. I was more concerned with User Friendly in front of me or something which may have come from behind. But I knew half a furlong up the home straight my horse would quicken and he ran all the way to the line."

Early in the race Roberts found himself on the outside of the field. "I was about four deep which I didn't want but, being an older horse, he didn't mind. He was always going easily."

☐ Roberts won the £39,735 Bosphorous Trophy at Veliefendi, Istanbul, yesterday on Michael Kauntze's Shrewd Idea.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Gingerbird. 2.30 Invocation. 3.00 Craggannmore. 3.30 Excess Baggage. 4.00 Tuscan Dawn. 4.30 Early To Rise. 5.00 Santana Lady.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Truthful Image.

GOING: GOOD (TURF), STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST (TURF), 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST (ALL-WEATHER)

2.00 JACKSBRIDGE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £2,735: 7f) (13 runners)

1 COMEONUP R Hannon 9-0 A McGlone 1
2 00 CUREBRIDGE 33 J Moore 9-0 — 4
3 HOODLUM D Thom 9-0 S Eiffert (7) 11
4 32 LINK MILES 18 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 2
5 MILAIRDUS J Fanshawe 9-0 G Duffield 7
6 305 STRADISHALL 32 G Bravery 9-0 N Day 13
7 STAGAS S Dow 9-0 T Quinn 8
8 3 YOUNG AT HEART 13 M Haynes 9-0 G Carter 3
9 000 EMMA GRIMES 33 M Muggeridge 8-9 S Raymont 10
10 62 GINGERBIRD 26 (BF) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 6
11 HELLO MAMA J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson 5
12 35 SOUTHDOWN GIRL 81 P Butler 8-9 S Drowne (7) 12
13 TROPICAL VISTA R Voorspuy 8-9 C Rutter 9

5-2 Gingerbird, 7-2 Link Miles, 5-1 Milairdus, 7-1 Hello Mama, 8-1 Comeonup, 10-1 Stagas, 12-1 Southdown Girl, 14-1 others.

2.30 JOHN ROGERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(All-weather: £3,143: 6f) (5)

1 5602 INVOCATION 17 (C,G) A Moore 6-10-0 N Adams 2
2 4631 STAR GODDESS 17 (C,G) G L Moore 4-9-6 B Rouse 5
3 5054 VERY DICEY 3 (CD,F,G) J Berry 5-9-2 G Carter 3
4 0221 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 12 (B,D,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-1 D Biggs 4
5 3143 AQUADO 4 (F) N Callaghan 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 1

2-1 Truthful Image, 3-1 Invocation, 7-2 Star Goddess, 5-1 Aquado, 6-1 Very Dicey.

3.00 HORLEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £3,377: 6f) (9)

1 41 MR DEVIOUS 24 (D,G) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 3
2 201 CRAGGANMORE 14 (F) J Hills 8-12 D Holland 4
3 1 POLISH ADMIRAL 12 (D,F) C Wall 8-12 N Day 1
4 053 NOTHERONE TO NOTE 26 M Muggeridge 8-10 Mark Denaro (7) 2
5 60 ARECIBO 18 C Britain 8-10 W Ryan 6
6 0 BIG SQUEEZE 18 C Cyzer 8-10 D Biggs 9
7 1 CHAMPAGNE GIRL 37 (C,S) P Makin 8-9 T Sprake 8
8 1 KUTBEYA 26 (D,F) D Morley 8-9 W Carson 7
9 1 SIGANCA 66 (S) M Bell 8-5 G Duffield 5

5-2 Cragganmore, 9-2 Kutbeya, 5-1 Mr Devious, 6-1 Polish Admiral, 8-1 Champagne Girl, 10-1 Siganca, 12-1 Arecibo, 14-1 others.

3.30 ORIGIN TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS SELLING STAKES (All-weather: £2,489: 1m 2f) (8)

1 0110 BARAHIN 11 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 4-9-10 A Clark 2
2 48/31 BONDAID 6 (CD,F,G) J White 9-9-10 R Price 4
3 5022 CHOIR PRACTICE 12 (B,F,G) W Haggas 6-9-10 C Rutter 7
4 00 CHEEKY TUNE 18 D Arbuthnot 4-9-5 T Quinn 5
5 0005 FULL SHILLING 23 K Burke 4-9-5 T Sprake 8
6 4232 OUR EDDIE 9 (V) B Gubby 4-9-5 W Newnes 3
7 0000 EXCESS BAGGAGE 12 (C,G) N Callaghan 3-9-0 W Ryan 6
8 5 JACKAREW BOY 19 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-9 G Duffield 1

11-4 Choir Practice, 7-2 Our Eddie, 9-2 Bondaid, 5-1 Barahin, 7-1 others.

4.00 NICHOLSON GRAHAM & JONES HANDICAP
(Turf: £3,231: 5f) (9)

1 4000 SIGAMA 17 (CD,F) F Lee 7-10-0 N Kennedy (3) 2
2 0018 BELLS OF LONGWICK 3 (D,F,S) D Laing 4-9-13 T G McLaughlin (7) 6
3 2352 TUSCAN DAWN 11 (D,S) J Berry 3-9-4 G Carter 4
4 2065 THE NOBLE OAK 34 (V,CD,F,G) M McCormack 5-8-13 J Reid 3
5 1042 SEA-DEER 7 (D,G) L Holt 4-8-12 A Munro 7
6 4-50 LORINS GOLD 28 A Turnell 3-8-6 A McGlone 1
7 8-86 BERGLIOT 14 K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-10 D Wright (5) 9
8 0005 TURTLE BEACH 11 (V,G) C C Elsey 4-7-10 N Adams 8
9 6000 STOCKTINA 11 (D,G) B Meehan 6-7-7 B Doyle (3) 5

3-1 Sea-Deer, 4-1 Tuscan Dawn, 9-2 The Noble Oak, Bells Of Longwick, 7-1 others.

4.30 DORMANSLAND MAIDEN HANDICAP
(All-weather: £2,422: 1m 5f) (6)

1 0440 CONCINNITY 7 L Holt 4-10-0 A Munro 5
2 5605 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 9 S Dow 3-9-3 T Quinn 2
3 0520 YIMKIN BOOKRA 7 W Muir 5-9-3 G Duffield 4
4 0044 EARLY TO RISE 12 C Cyzer 9-8-5 D Biggs 1
5 5-04 SIDE BAR 34 M Ryan 3-8-5 G Carter 3
6 0066 SINGING DETECTIVE 16 (V) P McEntee 6-8-3 T Sprake 6

2-1 Early To Rise, 9-4 Yimkin Bookra, 7-2 Concinnity, 6-1 Side Bar, 8-1 others.

5.00 LEVY BOARD FILLIES HANDICAP
(Turf: £3,287: 1m 2f) (12)

1 4110 WILD STRAWBERRY 14 (F,G) Miss B Sanders 4-10-0 B Rouse 8
2 0032 SANTANA LADY 7 (D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-10 W Newnes 7
3 -862 MAY HILLS LEGACY 26 (C,G) D Arbuthnot 4-8-4 T Quinn 12
4 -063 GOLD TASSEL 10 R Hannon 3-9-4 W Carson 6
5 0450 CHOUETTE 6 P Mitchell 3-8-10 J Reid 5
6 0000 LUCKY NOBLE 8 (C,F,S) G Harwood 5-8-7 Gaye Harwood (7) 2
7 5004 MON PETITNAMOUR 3 (S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-5 D Wright (5) 11
8 0100 PRECIOUS CAROLINE 18 (CD,F) P Cundell 5-8-5 D Biggs 4
9 -450 BELLATRIX 47 C Brittain 5-8-4 B Doyle (3) 1
10 -143 HEAVY ROCK 14 (G) D Cosgrove 4-8-0 L Newton (5) 10
11 0-00 SUPPER WITH SUSIE 78 D Wilson 3-7-12 F Norton 9
12 0500 EMERALD EARS 7 (G) P McEntee 4-7-9 T Sprake 3

7-2 Gold Tassel, 9-2 Santana Lady, 5-1 Wild Strawberry, 6-1 May Hills Legacy, 7-1 Precious Caroline, 8-1 Emerald Ears, 12-1 Bellatrix, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 43 runners, 27.9%; J Berry, 20 from 93, 21.5%; N Callaghan, 19 from 95, 19.8%; G Harwood, 18 from 94, 19.1%; D Morley, 5 from 27, 18.5%; P Makin, 14 from 79, 17.7%.
JOCKEYS: S Raymont, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; W Carson, 24 from 109, 22.0%; J Reid, 33 from 171, 19.3%; T Quinn, 82 from 461, 17.8%; G Duffield, 38 from 219, 17.4%.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.10 Dancing Domino. 6.40 Vanborough Lad. 7.10 Petula. 7.40 Bentico. 8.10 Chicard. 8.40 Duckey Fuzz.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
7.10 PETULA (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
7.10 PETULA.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F 217YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.10 CASTLE LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,005: 1m 67yd) (6 runners)

1 2131 DANCING DOMINO 3 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-0 W Ryan 4
2 0-00 DELAY NO MORE 26 P Mitchell 9-0 W Newnes 2
3 2051 JULIASDARKINVADER 9 (G) A Moore 9-0 Candy Morris 3
4 3105 TONY'S MIST 6 (CD,G) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 1
5 4214 PERDITION 13 (F) J Hills 8-9 D Harrison (3) 6
6 0-00 TRUNDLEY WOOD 34 (G) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 N Carlisle 5

15-8 Perdition, 9-4 Dancing Domino, 7-2 Tony's Mist, 4-1 Juliasdarkinvader, 12-1 Trundley Wood, 33-1 Delay No More.

6.40 ROYAL STAR AND GARTER CLAIMING STAKES (£1,674: 1m 3f 135yd) (10)

1 000- WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 179J (G) R Rowe 5-9-7 M Perrett 4
2 -600 SWIFT ROMANCE 19 (G) B Millman 5-9-5 S Whitworth 8
3 0530 VANBOROUGH LAD 13 (G,S) M Haynes 4-9-4 J Reid 3
4 004/ MOYMET 79J K Burke 7-9-3 T Sprake 8
5 0152 WITH GUSTO 7 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 6-9-3 T Quinn 7
6 5-00 DEXTER CHIEF 7 J White 4-9-1 K Rutter (5) 10
7 0405 DAZZLING FIRE 11 (D,G) C C Elsey 4-8-12 Kim McDonnell (7) 2
8 00-0 SUKEY TAWDRY 28 (B,F) R Bennett 7-8-9 N Adams 1
9 4500 COMMANCHE CREEK 21 (B) L Cumani 3-8-7 R Cochrane 5
10 00 MORAN BRIG 42 I Balding 3-8-3 S O'Gorman 9

9-4 Dexter Chief, 3-1 Commanche Creek, 7-2 Vanborough Lad, 6-1 Dazzling Fire, Swift Romance, 16-1 With Gusto, 25-1 others.

7.10 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES SKY
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,416: 5f 217yd) (17)

1 00 NOT THE NADGER 35 M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 C Rutter 3
2 022 PERSIAN HERITAGE 80 (BF) J Payne 8-11 R Cochrane 14
3 05 VICEROY RULER 77 J Jenkins 8-11 S Whitworth 7
4 6 MICHAELMAS PARK 14 R Akehurst 8-10 B Russell (7) 2
5 CHITA RIVERA P Makin 8-9 T Sprake 3
6 55 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 25 J Pearce 8-9 L Dettori 1
7 ONLY FOOLS G Balding 8-7 J Williams 10
8 60 ELEVATOR SHAFT 47 D Arbuthnot 8-6 T Quinn 11
9 HEALTHY RISK M Blanshard 8-6 N Adams 13
10 HIGH HOLME D Thom 8-6 A McGlone 5
11 0 NAME THE TUNE 19 P Howling 8-6 B Rouse 16
12 403 OBVIOUS RISK 79 R Hannon 8-6 J Reid 4
13 4 PADDY'S RICE 30 L Holt 8-6 Paul Eddery 5
14 32 PETULA 12 (BF) M Bell 8-6 M Hills 17
15 6 DANCING ROSINA 44 P Mitchell 8-5 W Newnes 6
16 ONE ON ONE W Haggas 8-2 N Day 15
17 0 QUEENS COTTAGE 11 R Phillips 8-1 Dale Gibson 12

7-4 Petula, 5-1 Obvious Risk, 11-2 Persian Heritage, 10-1 Elevator Shaft, Un Parfum De Femme, 12-1 Viceroy Ruler, 16-1 Dancing Rosina, 20-1 others.

7.40 ROYAL BOROUGH HANDICAP SKY
(£3,557: 1m 2f 7yd) (4)

1 4111 BENTICO 7 (CD,F,G) M Jarvis 4-10-1 (5ex) Pat Eddery 4
2 -600 REGAL AURA 58 (F) G Harwood 3-9-8 M Perrett 3
3 2011 PISTOLS AT DAWN 7 (C,D,G,S) R Hannon 3-8-12 (5ex) J Reid 2
4 4114 WAR REQUIEM 11 (D,F,G) G Balding 3-8-6 J Williams 1

6-4 Pistols At Dawn, 2-1 Bentico, 100-30 War Requiem, 5-1 Regal Aura.

8.10 LONG WALK HANDICAP SKY
(£2,532: 5f 217yd) (13)

1 2140 MISTER JOLSON 12 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 4-10-0 S Drowne (7) 8
2 0003 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 44 (B,D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-10-0 L Dettori 7
3 4006 HONEY SEEKER 23 (D,S) T Thomson Jones 4-9-10 S Whitworth 13
4 6166 GREY CHARMER 16 (CD,F,G,S) C James 4-9-8 W Newnes 5
5 4/40 ALPHONSO 75 J Jenkins 4-9-5 J Williams 10
6 600- BALLYHAYS 340 R Akehurst 4-9-5 L Carter (7) 6
7 6036 FAY'S SONG 17 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-4 T Quinn 9
8 0500 CEE-EN-CEE 19 (V,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-3 A Tucker 4
9 5143 HARRY'S COMING 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-9-3 M Hills 3
10 1050 MOVING IMAGE 10 (BF,G,S) H Collingridge 3-8-10 C Dwyer 2
11 -224 POYLE AMBER 11 M Blanshard 4-8-8 D Harrison (3) 1
12 0/6 CHICARD 19 T Naughton 4-8-4 Paul Eddery 12
13 0360 SPECTACLE JIM 7 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-8-1 N Adams 11

11-4 Harry's Coming, 9-2 Letsbeonestaboutit, 6-1 Poyle Amber, 8-1 Chicard, 12-1 Fay's Song, Mister Jolson, 14-1 Honey Seeker, Cee-En-Cee, 16-1 others.

8.40 GREAT PARK HANDICAP SKY
(£2,232: 1m 67yd) (15)

1 0014 SINGERS IMAGE 7 (D,F,G) G Balding 4-9-10 J Williams 3
2 4202 PRECIOUS AIR 25 (D,F,G,S) A Moore 5-9-7 B Rouse 14
3 3244 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 5 (D,G) D Thom 4-9-6 K Rutter (5) 11
4 0505 BRESIL 10 A Jarvis 4-9-4 Pat Eddery 2
5 /003 DUCKEY FUZZ 5 (G) R Flower 5-9-2 Paul Eddery 6
6 50/4 GREAT HAND 11 (D,F) R Rowe 7-8-11 J Reid 7
7 0000 RED KITE 9 (D,S) M Bell 4-8-9 M Hills 8
8 0350 DON'T GIVE UP 2 (B,F) R Bennett 5-8-5 D Biggs 13
9 000- WEEKDAY CROSS 56J J Jenkins 5-8-5 S Whitworth 4
10 -065 KINNEGAD KID 11 R Ingram 4-8-1 A McGlone 15
11 060 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 26 J Sutcliffe 3-8-1 C Rutter 5
12 50-0 LAST APPEARANCE 62 R Phillips 4-8-1 Dale Gibson 10
13 00-0 WOODLANDS LEGEND 11 D Jenny 4-8-1 F Norton 12
14 00-0 CLAR DUBH 21 J Campbell 3-7-9 N Adams 1
15 5064 BROWN CARPET 7 (B) C Horgan 6-7-7 D Wright (5) 9

4-1 Brown Carpet, 9-2 Captain Marmalade, Singers Image, 11-2 Duckey Fuzz, Precious Air, 7-1 Great Hand, 10-1 Red Kite, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 12 winners from 34 runners, 35.3%; G Harwood, 9 from 36, 25.0%; M Jarvis, 7 from 32, 21.9%; P Makin, 7 from 34, 20.6%; R Hannon, 34 from 210, 16.2%; I A Balding, 7 from 45, 15.6%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 50 winners from 202 rides, 24.8%; L Dettori, 17 from 99, 17.2%; T Sprake, 6 from 38, 15.8%; R Cochrane, 18 from 134, 13.4%; J Reid, 17 from 138, 12.3%; T Quinn, 14 from 127, 11.0%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

6.25 Overpower. 6.55 Mary Macblain. 7.25 Premier Dance. 7.55 Miss Haggis. 8.25 Harding. 8.55 Gant Bleu.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.25 NUTCRACKER SUITE APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES (£1,725: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 2132 OVERPOWER 4 (D,BF,F,S) M Tompkins 9-9-5 J Gotobed (10) 2
2 800 ARCTIC LINE 25 J Bradley 5-9-3 D Gibbs 8
3 D CHRIS'S GLEN 34 J Bradley 4-9-3 A Whelan (5) 4
4 50-0 FLYING DOWN TO RIO 9 (G) A Forbes 5-9-3 L Aspell (5) 7
5 0100 TAUNTING 16 (D,G) M Blanshard 5-9-3 S McCarthy (5) 6
6 0056 MURASIL 25 M Naughton 4-9-1 I Jardine (10) 10
7 0000 BRECKENBROUGH LAD 18 (D,S) T Barron 6-8-13 Kimberley Hart (10) 5
8 GREENACRES STAR B McMahon 3-8-6 J Bramhill (8) 1
9 -205 PATONG BEACH 26 J Hills 3-8-2 M Henry (10) 3
10 00-0 SHROPSHIRE BLUE 7 B Hills 3-8-0 M Baird (5) 9

5-4 Overpower, 9-2 Patong Beach, 7-1 Taunting, Shropshire Blue, 9-1 others.

6.55 GISELLE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 2f) (15)

1 -635 ROSE NOBLE 19 W Jarvis 3-10-0 G Duffield 12
2 4355 PYRRHIC DANCE 25 J Hills 3-9-10 D Holland 15
3 4005 BRONZE MAQUETTE 5 B McMath 3-9-4 E Johnson 11
4 6006 CUTTHROAT KID 13 (B) S Norton 3-9-3 G Hind 2
5 -644 MONASTIC FLIGHT 26 B Rothwell 3-9-2 J Fortune 7
6 8030 MARY MACBLAIN 9 J Harris 4-9-0 A Munro 3
7 5-00 EASY TOUCH 16 D Haydn Jones 3-8-13 A Mackay 9
8 0-60 RIVER FIRE 18 (B) J Wharton 3-8-13 J Quinn 5
9 6-65 SLUMBER THYME 24 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-13 K Fallon 14
10 5600 FAIRY WISHER 42 M Barraclough 4-8-13 J Lowe 8
11 04-0 MAJOR RISK 34 P Bevan 4-8-12 C Hawksley (7) 1
12 0-00 SIAN WYN 18 K Burke 3-8-4 G Carter 4
13 0454 DOUBLE THE STAKES 32 F Lee 4-8-4 G Bardwell 13
14 0255 HYDROPIC 4 (B) D Chapman 6-8-4 J Fanning 6
15 0000 SPECIAL RISK 18 M Bell 3-8-3 M Fenton (3) 10

7-2 Bronze Maquette, 9-2 Monastic Flight, 5-1 Pyrrhic Dance, 6-1 Rose Noble, 8-1 Slumber Thyme, 10-1 Double The Stakes, Mary Macblain, 12-1 others.

7.25 ROMEO & JULIET SELLING HANDICAP (£1,725: 1m 3f) (8) SKY

1 2565 JULFAAR 12 (BF,F) J Pearce 6-9-10 G Bardwell 2
2 0502 PREMIER DANCE 14 (G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-4 A Mackay 4
3 -005 GREEN'S SEAGO 10 (C,G) J Harris 5-9-3 K Darley 1
4 0030 RED SOMBRERO 12 R Brotherton 4-8-9 A Munro 3
5 0432 NOT YET 6 (F,G) E Weymes 9-8-8 D Holland 7
6 0064 IZITALLWORTHIT 16 J Mackie 4-8-2 G Carter 8
7 5048 MALINDI BAY 25 B McMath 5-8-2 J Lowe 5
8 0050 BROUGHTON BLUES 14 (B,G,S) W Musson 5-7-8 J Quinn 6

5-2 Not Yet, 3-1 Premier Dance, 4-1 Izitallworthit, 6-1 Julfaar, 8-1 Green's Seago, 10-1 Malindi Bay, 14-1 others.

7.55 SWAN LAKE HANDICAP SKY
(£3,201: 6f) (8)

1 0341 FASCINATION WALTZ 7 (D,F,G,S) D Shaw 6-10-0 (7ex) G Carter 6
2 6002 MISS HAGGIS 20 (F,G) R Boss 4-8-12 W Woods 3
3 3121 MISS WHITTINGHAM 4 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-0 (7ex) P Roberts (7) 8
4 4141 FORMIDABLE LIZ 20 (D,F) M Hammond 3-8-3 G Duffield 2
5 0301 SWEET ROMEO 12 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-1 T Williams 1
6 40004 NILU 10 (D,G) B McMahon 5-7-12 A Mackay 4
7 1323 ROSE FLYER 9 (C,G) M Chapman 3-7-12 S Wood 7
8 0600 ASTERIX 18 (D,F) J Bradley 5-7-11 J Lowe 5

3-1 Miss Whittingham, 7-2 Miss Haggis, 4-1 Formidable Liz, 9-2 Fascination Waltz, 6-1 Sweet Romeo, 10-1 Nilu, 12-1 Rose Flyer, 20-1 Asterix.

8.25 EBF FIREBIRD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,676: 7f) (15) SKY

1 0 ANZUM 30 D Nicholson 9-0 G Carter 1
2 5030 ARABOYBILL 10 G Pelling 9-0 K Fallon 6
3 5 BANG IN TROUBLE 14 J J O'Neill 9-0 K Darley 10
4 00 CHANTRY BEATH 16 C Thornton 9-0 J Fanning 5
5 4 DALWOOD 11 W Haggas 9-0 R Hills 12
6 65 DEMON DANCER 16 M Camacho 9-0 N Connorton 11
7 2 HARDING 31 J Dunlop 9-0 A Munro 9
8 5668 OVALWORLD 5 D Chapman 9-0 D Pears (3) 3
9 60 PERSIAN AFFAIR 65 M Bell 9-0 M Fenton (3) 7
10 0 SEMINOLE WIND 16 C Thornton 9-0 T Williams 4
11 5 AVONDALE ROSE 23 B Rothwell 8-9 J Fortune 8
12 4 BELLEMINETTE 26 D Haydn Jones 8-9 A Mackay 13
13 D GWERNYMYNYDD 34 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 15
14 RUBY ESTATE J Wharton 8-9 J Quinn 14
15 SALOME'S DANCE M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 2

2-1 Harding, 4-1 Dalwood, 6-1 Araboybill, 7-1 Persian Affair, 8-1 Salome's Dance, Gwernymynydd, 10-1 Bang In Trouble, 12-1 Avondale Rose, 14-1 others.

8.55 SLEEPING BEAUTY HANDICAP SKY
(£2,364: 7f) (12)

1 0566 SAVAHRA SOUND 16 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 8-10-0 S Webster 7
2 5000 GANT BLEU 7 (D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 6-9-5 A Culhane 8
3 0445 DAYTONA BEACH 13 (C,BF,G) R Hollinshead 3-9-4 K Darley 2
4 5000 AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 12 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 6-8-9 G Carter 12
5 -063 SEASON'S STAR 13 (V) H Candy 3-8-8 S Dawson 5
6 5060 DANCE ON SIXPENCE 14 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-6 J Quinn 9
7 3200 JUVENARA 130 (C,F,G) A Forbes 7-8-5 S D Williams (3) 1
8 1150 YUNUS EMRE 17 (CD,G) M Bell 3-8-5 M Fenton (3) 11
9 6002 STARDUST EXPRESS 12 (D,G) M Johnston 3-8-5 T Williams 3
10 5050 MISTER BLAKE 5 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-3 Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
11 3445 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 16 (V) C Smith 3-7-7 J Lowe 4
12 0000 FREDDIE JACK 9 F Lee 3-7-7 G Bardwell 10

9-2 Ain'tlifelikethat, 11-2 Season's Star, 6-1 Dance On Sixpence, 7-1 Mister Blake, 8-1 Workingforpeanuts, 10-1 Gant Bleu, Yunus Emre, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; J Berry, 3 from 17, 17.6%. Only qualifiers.
JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%. Only qualifier.

[illegible] SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good

2.00 (1m) 1, Andromaque (Mrs M Cowdrey, 9-4 jt-fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Special Pageant (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Credit Squeeze (50-1). 15 ran. NR: River Boyne. 3l, 1¼l. R Charlton. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.60, £8.40. DF: £3.80. Trio: £178.10. CSF: £7.10. 1min 45.64sec.

2.35 (6f) 1, A Smooth One (J Reid, 12-1); 2↑, Mild Rebuke (15-2); 2↑, Red Rita (100-30). Tncome 9-4 fav. 7 ran. ¾l, dd-ht. R Hannon. Tote: £16.20; £3.70, Mild Rebuke £1.10, Red Rita £1.00. DF: A Smooth One & Mild Rebuke £21.00, A Smooth One & Red Rita £12.50. CSF: A Smooth One & Mild Rebuke £40.17, A Smooth One & Red Rita £22.95. After a stewards' enquiry, the result stood. 1min 18.24sec.

3.20 see above

4.00 (6f) 1, Grand Lodge (L Dettori, 11-4 fav); 2, Majestic Eagle (7-2); 3, Tom Morgan (16-1). 7 ran. 6l, 1½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £3.30; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £11.00. CSF: £11.82. 1min 17.78sec.

4.30 (1m 2f) 1, Muhayaa (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 2, Tremolando (5-4 fav); 3, Tomos (12-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 2¾l. A Scott. Tote: £7.10; £2.70, £1.60. DF: £5.80. CSF: £15.39. 2min 12.4sec.

5.00 (1m) 1, Downing Street (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, Penny Drops (5-1 fav); 3, Lord Oberon (6-1); 4, Ribhi (12-1). 18 ran. NR: En Attendant. Sh hd, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £11.00; £2.70, £1.60, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £38.80. Trio: £74.20. CSF: £56.00. Tricast: £303.31. 1min 45.53sec.

5.30 (1m 4f) 1, Whitechapel (W R Swinburn, 7-2); 2, Nasema (7-2); 3, General Moulder (3-1 fav). 7 ran. 2¾l, 1½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £8.70. CSF: £15.14. 2min 41.22sec.

Jackpot: not won (a pool of £14,333.57 is carried forward to Goodwood tomorrow). Placepot: £33.50.

Ayr

2.10 1, Make A Note (4-11 fav); 2, One Wild Oat (11-2); 3, Meurangi (33-1). 7 ran.

2.40 1, Murray's Mazda (3-1); 2, Drum Sergeant (5-2); 3, Plum First (9-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Ayr Raider, Rydal Water.

3.10 1, Densben (3-1 fav); 2, Veloce (5-1); 3, Master Pokey (100-30). 7 ran.

3.40 1, Sooty Tern (9-4 fav); 2, Majal (12-1); 3, Hand On Heart (50-1). 9 ran.

4.10 1, Reel Of Tulloch (9-4 fav); 2, Pie Hatch (7-1); 3, Challenger Row (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Gray Commander.

4.40 1, Merry Nutkin (10-1); 2, Grey Power (7-2); 3, Sword Master (5-2 fav). 8 ran.

Newcastle

2.15 1, Spanish Verdict (5-1); 2, Tajdif (9-4 fav); 3, Royal Girl (4-1). 7 ran.

2.45 1, Star Spooder (7-2); 2, Nsx (11-2); 3, Queensbird (4-7 fav). 4 ran.

3.15 1, Love Returned (10-1); 2, Singing Star (14-1); 3, Here Comes A Star (10-1). She's Smart 9-2 fav. 13 ran.

3.45 1, Dangerous Shadow (12-1); 2, Lady Sheriff (4-1); 3, Dockyard Dora (13-2). Hickleton Lady 15-8 fav. 9 ran. NR: Regina Alicia.

4.15 1, Mecklenburg (5-4 fav); 2, Forest Star (12-1); 3, Middleham Castle (8-1). 5 ran. NR: Heathyards Boy.

4.45 1, Avishayes (9-1); 2, Pride Of Pendle (3-1 fav); 3, Wellington Rock (8-1). 10 ran.

Southwell

2.25 1, Stelloso (7-2); 2, Sangara (5-6 fav), 3, Amidst (5-1). 8 ran. NR: World Traveller.

2.55 1, Nordico Princess (4-5 fav); 2, Lunar Mission (12-1); 3, Hello Ireland (5-1). 8 ran.

3.25 1, Love Of The North (7-2 fav); 2, Celestial Dance (9-1); 3, Miss Freebie (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Classic Miss.

3.55 1, Preston Guild (9-4 fav), 2, Manila Bay (4-1); 3, General Chase (15-2). 7 ran.

4.25 1, Laurel Queen (Evens fav); 2, Mindomica (5-1); 3, Chilly Breeze (9-4). 6 ran.

4.55 1, Civil Law (10-11 fav); 2, Forgetful (8-1); 3, Try N' Fly (9-4). 7 ran.

5.25 1, Super Blues (7-2); 2, Araadh (5-2); 3, Invisible Armour (8-1). Apache Squaw 2-1 fav. 7 ran.

6.20 1, Panchellita (4-1); 2, Red Cotton (5-2 fav); 3, Final Oak (8-1). 9 ran.

6.50 1, Sporting Heir (6-1); 2, Window Display (15-8 fav); 3, Bessie's Will (25-1) 7 ran.

7.20 1, Barbarojia (7-4 fav); 2, Hit The Canvas (7-2); 3, Roman Reel (9-1). 12 ran.

7.50 1, Abilene (20-1); 2, Record Lover (5-1); 3, Dashing Fellow (25-1). Pharly Dancer 100-30 fav.

8.20 1, Criminal Record (5-2); 2, Northern Judy (10-1); 3, Juns Prudence (9-1). Borrowed And Blue 5-4 fav. 8 ran.

8.50 1, Sing Cartoon (6-1); 2, Covent Garden Girl (7-1); 3, Corner Whirlpool (6-1). Convenient Moment, Nordoora 4-1 jt-favs. 10 ran.

Warwick

6.10 1, Petraco (9-2); 2, Quick Steel (6-4); 3, Peggotty (66-1). Caromish 11-8 fav. 6 ran. NR: Nanquidno.

6.40 1, Daily Sport Don (10-1); 2, Hawayah (8-1); 3, North Ardar (11-2). Singer On The Roof 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

7.10 1, Shalholme (11-2); 2, Treble Lass (14-1); 3, Queens Contractor (6-4 fav). 8 ran.

7.40 1, Legal Artist (7-1); 2, Bush Saver (5-1); 3, Clever Minstrel (8-1). Jadirah 7-2 fav. 14 ran.

8.10 1, Mack The Knife (11-8); 2, Allegan (4-5 fav); 3, My Rossini (20-1). 3 ran.

8.40 1, Pevalka (4-1); 2, Western Fleet (4-5 fav); 3, Cristal Springs (12-1). 9 ran.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	£1 level stakes
Pat Eddery	102	67	49	3	-34.10
K Darley	87	65	57	1	-34.35
G Duffield	76	55	57	4	-20.68
L Dettori	74	65	61	0	+10.46
T Quinn	68	69	68	4	-102.61
J Reid	65	61	92	3	-60.50
M Roberts	63	62	72	4	-65.72
Dean McKeown	62	55	51	18	-102.01
W Carson	62	50	54	15	-102.20

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	£1 level stakes
R Hannon	97	91	73	1	-25.45
J Berry	87	78	68	1	-36.11
H Cecil	63	35	32	1	+48.39
J Dunlop	51	42	37	1	+9.90
Mrs M Reveley	48	39	37	1	-30.77
M Johnston	47	52	43	4	-60.14
J Gosden	45	28	20	8	+12.93
P Cole	38	38	51	2	-108.40
I Balding	33	25	22	2	+1.89

☐ Emperor Jones (Bruce Raymond) was beaten three-quarters of a length by Astair in the Prix Daphnis at Evry on Saturday. Mistle Cat was fourth. Lester Piggott and Lucky Guest were second to Southern Dancer at Veliefendi, Turkey, on Saturday.

RAPIDE RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE
0891-168-168
0891 168+ BEFORE THE OFF RESULTS COMMENTARY
NEWCASTLE 101 201 301
LINGFIELD 102 202 302
WINDSOR 103 203 303
SOUTHWELL 104 204 304
GALWAY 120 220 320
G'HOUNDS 122 222 422

Spaniard continues to set demanding standards to rest of cycling world

Induráin rides in triumph to third Tour win

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MIGUEL Induráin turned the final stage of the Tour de France into a lengthy lap of honour yesterday, easing to his third successive triumph on the Champs-Elysées before warning his rivals that there may be more to come.

At the completion of the gruelling 3,720-kilometre event, Induráin, of Spain, rejected suggestions that he is invincible. "I'm not from outer space," he said. "Like all the riders in the peloton, I'm finishing the Tour tired, after throwing all my energy into the battle."

But then he added: "I like the French saying, 'appetite comes from eating'. The Tour is my favourite race and remains my priority."

Induráin's appetite for success is reflected in his unique record in cycling's two most important tours. As well as his three consecutive victories in the Tour de France, he won the Tour of Italy in 1992 and this year. It was also clear in the way he dominated the field in recent weeks, with only the runner-up, Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, able to put up a fight.

The final stage yesterday, won by the sprinter, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbekistan, in a mass finish after the 197-kilometre twenti-*eth stage from Viry-Châtillon*, was no more than an end-of-term celebration, most of the riders content to soak up the atmosphere of cycling's blue riband race before the last rites up and down the picturesque final stretch.

Frederic Moncassin, of France, came second and the Italian, Stefano Colage, third as Induráin and Rominger cautiously avoided any chance of a mass pile-up by avoiding the leading group during the eight laps up and down the Champs-Elysées.

That there had been any drama in the Tour at all was largely due to Rominger, whose two gutsy stage wins in the Alps and a surprise victory in the time-trial on Saturday, in Induráin's favourite discipline, saved the event from anti-climax.

He had been blighted by bad luck early on, losing two team-mates before the early team time-trial and later being hampered by punctures in both of the important solo rides.

But Rominger, 32, twice winner of the Tour of Spain, recovered to take on Induráin alone after the highly-rated Italians, Gianni Bugno and Claudio Chiappucci, and Alex Zulle, of Switzerland, failed to mount a serious challenge.

Induráin said, despite the excellent performances of Zenon Jaskula, of Poland, the Colombian, Alvaro Mejia, and the Dane, Bjarn Riis, who were third, fourth and fifth overall, that Rominger had been the only threat.

"My real rival was Rominger," he said. "The Italians were not as good as expected and the young riders like Zulle will be better next year. Rominger is an excellent rider who was stronger than me in the final time-trial."

Pressed on his next target, which could be an attempt on the world one-hour record just broken by the British Olympic pursuit champion, Chris Boardman, Induráin said: "Believe me, I may have a few secret ambitions, but I'm keeping them to myself."

Induráin's three victories bring him level with the American, Greg Lemond, and match the feat of Louison Bobet, of France, who won three in a row in 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Rominger will be in little doubt that 29-year-old Induráin's biggest ambition will be a fourth Tour de France next year and then to match the record five wins held by the Belgian, Eddie Merckx, and Bernard Hinault, of France.

Rominger, perhaps reinforced by his compatriot, Zulle, may be the only rider in his way, with the tour this year seeming to mark the beginning of the end for the Italian challenge.

While Rominger is older than Chiappucci and Bugno, they may not share his undoubted enthusiasm after their latest disappointments.

Chiappucci, in the top three in the three previous Tours, could only claim the consolation of a single stage win, while Bugno, second in 1991 and third last year, did not even manage that.

Both, too, have been badly bruised by Induráin in the Tour of Italy. Bugno winning three years ago before the Spaniard began his long run of dominance.

Lemond may also be a spent force. The American is facing an operation on a broken bone in his right wrist after a virus wrecked his season and forced him to miss the Tour this year.

The French, too, had little to cheer about. They have not had a Tour winner for eight years and only Pascal Lino's stage win this time dulled the pain.

FINAL TOUR DETAILS

FINAL STAGE (Viry Chatillon to Paris, 198km): 1, D Abdoujaparov (Uzbekistan), Lampre, 5hr 27min 20sec; 2, F Moncassin (Fr), WordPerfect, 3, S Colage (It), MOB; 4, U Raab (Ger), Telekom; 5, M Scandri (It), Motorola; 6, P Anderson (Aus), Motorola; 7, J Museeuw (Bel), GB-MG; 8, G Fidanza (It), Gatorade; 9, C Capelle (Fr), GAN; 10, M Sergeant (Bel), Novemail; 11, J-C Colotti (Fr), GAN, 12, B Riis (Den), Ariostea; 13, F Simon (Fr), Castorama; 14, B Holm (Den), Telekom, 15, H Frison (Bel), Lotto, all same time

NINETEENTH STAGE (Bretigny-sur-Orge to Montlhery, 46km time-trial): 1, T Rominger (Switz), Clas, 57min 02.120sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp), at 42sec, 3, Z Jaskula (Pol), at 1min 48sec; 4, J Bruyneel (Bel), at 2.16; 5, G Bugno (It), 3:00; 6, J-F Bernard (Fr), at 3.05, 7, V Ekimov (Russia), at 3 09; 8, P Louvot (Fr), at 3:30; 9, C Chiappucci (It), at 3:41; 10, A Merjia (Col), at 3.43, 11, S Roche (Ire), at 3.58; 12, A Elli (It), at 4'01; 13, G Faresin (It), at 4:03; 14, L Desblens (Fr), at 4:29; 15, R Conti (It), at 4.31; 16, G Bontempi (It), at 4:33; 17, P Lance (Fr), at 4:39; 18, R Alcala (Mex), at 4.47, 19, C Mottet (Fr), at 4:49; 20, G Perini (It), at 4'50. British positions: 85, S Yates, Motorola, at 8.06; 101, R Millar (GB), TVM, at 8'44.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Indurain, 95hr 57min 09sec; 2, Rominger, at 4min 59sec; 3, Jaskula, at 5:48; 4, Merjia, at 7 29, 5, Riis, at 16:28; 6, Chiappucci, at 17'18; 7, Bruyneel, at 18'04; 8, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, at 20'14; 9, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto, at 23:57, 10, V Poulnikov (Ukr), Carrera, at 25:29, 11, Faresin, at 29:05; 12, A Martin (Sp), Amaya, at 29 51; 13, Roche, at 29:53; 14, Conti, at 30:05; 15, J-P Dojwa (Fr), Festina, at 30:24, 16, O Rincon (Col), Amaya, at 33,19; 17, Els, at 33:29; 18, J Unzaga (Sp), Clas, at 38:09; 19, R Virenque (Fr), Festina, at 38:12; 20, G Bugno (It), Gatorade, at 40:08 King of the mountains: 1, Rominger, 449pts, 2, Chiappucci, 301; 3, Rincon, 288. Points classification: 1, Abdoujaparov, 298, 2, Museeuw, 157.



FRED MONS/ALLSPORT

Wheel of fortune: Induráin, who dominated the Tour de France, has victory in his sights as the race nears its end.

Australia have no answer to Spain's strength

ARANTXA Sánchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez gave Spain their second Federation Cup tennis title in Frankfurt yesterday with a 3-0 victory over Australia.

In a one-sided final, the top-seeded Spanish team dominated the unseeded Australia.

Martinez, the No 6 in the world, beat Michelle Jaggard-Lai 6-0, 6-2, to put Spain ahead before Sánchez Vicario, the No 3 in the world, defeated Nicole Provis 6-2, 6-3 to give Spain an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best-of-three series.

"The title means a lot to me and it's special to win it for the second time. I am very proud," Sánchez Vicario said. "It's good to be with the team once a year."

The doubles match was only a matter of pride, and went to Sánchez Vicario and Martinez, who beat Elizabeth Smylie and Rennae Stubbs, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Wendy Turnbull, Australia's non-playing captain, said the experience brought by the Spanish team's two top-10 players made the difference.

"They were so much stronger on the important points," she said. "It's a disappointment not to win, but we are pleased to have reached the final."

Sánchez Vicario and Martinez captured the title in the women's version of the Davis Cup for the first time in 1991 against the United States and lost to Germany in last year's final.

Australia, winners of seven Federation Cup titles, were rated as outsiders on the red clay courts in Frankfurt but had a dream run through the tournament.

They first upset Germany, the No 2 seed and the defending champion, in the opening round, with Provis beating Steffi Graf. In the quarter-finals, Australia defeated the third-seeded team from former Czechoslovakia.

But against the clay-court specialists from Spain, the Australians failed to find the *magic that had carried them* through the early rounds.

Provis, No 28 in the world and the hero of Australia's previous wins in the tournament, quickly fell victim to her own errors and Sánchez Vicario's power game.

The Australian surrendered her serve in the third game with unforced errors to give Sánchez Vicario control of the match.

The Spaniard broke again for a 5-2 lead and closed the set in 25 minutes. A glimpse of hope emerged for Australia at the start of the second set as Provis raced into a 3-0 lead. She saved a break point to hold her serve before breaking the Spaniard to love.

But she lost the next two games and the next three were decisive, with Provis failing to win a single point as Sánchez Vicario broke for a 5-3 lead.

Serving to stay in the match, Provis saved one match point with a stop volley. But two missed forehands, one wide and another into the net, gave Sánchez Vicario the match and Spain the title in 61 minutes.

Results, page 20

Obree breezes into national track championship final



Obree: irrepressible

THE irrepressible Graeme Obree, having set a record in the opening round of the British 4,000-metres track championship the previous day and later eliminated Adrian Allen in the quarter-finals, yesterday looked on course to win the gold medal against Bryan Steel, last year's runner-up, in the final at Leicester yesterday.

More important to the Scot, who remains faithful to his homemade machine, was the other reward for victory: selection for Britain in the world championships at Hamar, Norway, next month, the scene nine days ago of his successful attempt on the world one-hour record.

Doug Dailey, the national coach, said yesterday: "We have set two requirements for pursuit selection at the world championships. Obree has easily met the first, a time inside 4 minutes 43 seconds, when he set a new best of 4min 36.545sec to beat Chris Bordman's record. The second marker is that Obree must now win the British title."

Obree and Steel, the latter using the eye-catching Lotus bike that Bordman used to win his gold medal at the Barcelona Olympic Games last year, have been the dominant men in the national championship series, but Steel, although turning out fast times, has been unable to get within two seconds of the Scot.

Peter Bryan reports on the continuing exploits of a cyclist swiftly making himself one of Britain's finest

Steel is a candidate for Britain's 4,000-metres pursuit team in the world championships but he confirmed at Leicester that he is also making a serious bid to gain the one place open for the individual event.

Like Obree, Steel was not hard-pushed in his semi-final when he met Stuart Dangerfield, one of the country's fastest 25 milers. He finished four seconds clear in 4min 46.01sec.

Defeat, however, had its compensations for Dangerfield. The bronze medal is no longer decided by a ride-off between the two losing semi-finalists but goes to the faster rider. Obree's elimination of his young opponent, Chris Ball, after 3min 51sec ensured Dangerfield the medal.

Ball, in his first year as a senior after winning the junior pursuit title in 1992, gambled everything on making a fast start while Obree was getting his 108-in high gear rolling.

It was the only tactic Ball could use and for the first three laps of the 333-metre wooden track he held the advantage, passing the first-kilometre point in 1min 11.331sec, a lead of more than two seconds.

The glory was short-lived and Obree, elbows tucked in to his hips to achieve his aerodynamic position, countered with a vengeance. He recorded 67 seconds for his second kilometre and one and a half minutes later caught his young challenger.

The Obree camp promised "a thriller of a final", with their man putting the seal on world championship selection.

☐ Chris Boardman yesterday celebrated the end of six months' hard training that brought him the coveted world one-hour record in Bordeaux on Friday. In the *Observer* yesterday, Boardman said: "The training for and execution of the record attempt gave me an insight into the hardships of it all. I hear that there were criticisms from the one-time record-holder, Francesco Moser. His mark was set outdoors, and he claimed his was the greater achievement. Funny he forgot to mention he set his time at altitude.

"Eddy Merckx was also quoted as objecting to the new technology. But isn't that complaint true of all sports? new methods, new scientific aids — it's called progress. You can have all the aids in the world and they might be of no use to you. The man is the key factor."

Results, page 20

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Camborne School of Mines, Cornwall
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for the regulation of the charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Camborne School of Mines, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3SE, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL quoting reference number SS.30658/8-LT
Comments or representations on these proposals can be made in writing to the Charity Commissioners within one month from the date of this notice.
Date 23 July 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER of SHAPE COMMUNICATIONS PLC
SHAPE NETWORKS LIMITED
THE 0800-T CAB COMPANY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 13 August 1993, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned I J Allan of Smith & Williamson, No.1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
12 July 1993
I J ALLAN, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF ARKEN HOLDINGS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 18th August 1993, to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned M.J.C. Oldham of Smith & Williamson, No.1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned M.J.C. Oldham of Smith & Williamson, No.1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
19 July 1993
M J C Oldham, Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator (Members' (Creditors' voluntary winding up Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company Number: 4966556
Name of company: Arken Holdings Limited ("the Company")
Previous name of company: None. Nature of business: Property Company. Address of registered office: 133 High Street Farnborough Kent BR6 7AZ. Liquidator name and address: Michael Jonathan Christopher Oldham of Smith & Williamson of No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS Date of appointment: Wednesday 14th July 1993. By whom appointed: The Company. Date: 19/7/1993.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BERPARK LIMITED
Registered number: 1079069.
Trading name: Beechfield House. Nature of business: Hotelier. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael Oldham and Peter Yelden (office holder nos: 7817 and 7253). Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Creditors' Meeting Under Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986
HAWKSPA LTD
T/A THE STARS AND STRIPES AND THE VICTORIA INN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the INSOLVENCY ACT 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Booth White 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD1 7HG, at 11.00hrs on 3rd August 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:
They have delivered to us at NEM House 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD1 7HG no later than 16.00 hours on 2nd August 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 2.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 19th July 1993
P A Lawrence,
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ANSTY HALL LIMITED
Registered number: 2485715.
Nature of business: Hotelier
Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Michael Oldham and Peter Yelden (office holder nos: 7817 and 7253). Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

LEGAL NOTICES

Number of Company: 2794587
The Insolvency Act 1986
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION of SHAPE COMMUNICATIONS PLC
Passed 12 July 1993
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on 12 July 1993, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:
"THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Iain John Allan, Chartered Accountant of No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."
Chairman

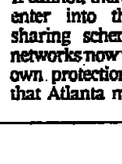
Number of Company: 2627998
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION of SHAPE NETWORKS LIMITED
Passed 12 July 1993
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on 12 July 1993, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:
"THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Iain John Allan of No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."
Chairman

Re: DW SMEE LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 28th July 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the 27th and 28th July 1993.
Dated this 9th day of July 1993
T B STEVENS, Director.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
In THE MATTER OF ARKEN HOLDINGS LIMITED
(a company registered with number 4966556)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company, duly convened and held at 10 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL on the 14th day of July 1993 the following Special Resolution was duly passed:
"That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Michael Jonathan Christopher Oldham of Smith & Williamson of No.1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator of the Company for the purposes of such winding up"
Chairman

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of Peter Greenhalgh and Louise Greenhalgh
In BANKRUPTCY In The Nottingham County Court
No 158 of 1993
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 64 John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 11 June 1993.
G C A Morphitis, Trustee

Atlanta may fall short of target



David Miller looks ahead to talks with American television over the 1996 Olympic Games

The Olympic movement is about to discover to what degree the goose that lays its golden eggs is suffering ill-health. Possibly temporary, possibly chronic.

The three American national television networks meet in New York today and tomorrow to begin negotiations with the International Olympic Committee for the American rights at the centenary Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. Had the contract signed with the European Broadcasting Union not already jumped from the $90 million fee for Barcelona to $250 million, the Atlanta organising committee might be about to suffer a serious drop in its budgeting for 1996, a drop that could affect facilities.

Equally significant, the fee negotiated this week — likely to be at least $100 million less than expected when Atlanta was nominated three years ago — may provide a sharp warning to those cities bidding for the Games of 2000, including Manchester, and who have included an over-estimation in their projected television income.

The talk three years ago for Atlanta, given its United States prime-time advertising advantage, was for a rights fee of some $600 million, compared with the $401 million paid by NBC for Barcelona. Expectation this week by informed insiders is that the figure, in spite of prime-time, may not climb much above $450 million because of the present world-wide recession that has heavily affected American television sports contracts.

Indeed, one experienced negotiator in the network television field, being fully aware of the decline in advertising return on televised sport, expects the bids from NBC, ABC — back in the ring for the first time since 1984 — and CBS to range from as low as $300 million up to a maximum of $500 million.

Atlanta's problem is that it needs the cash up front, in order to meet payments on the construction of its new $230 million main stadium. It cannot, therefore, afford to enter into the cost/profit-sharing scheme which the networks now prefer for their own protection. This means that Atlanta may be obliged to settle for straight bids, not dependent on profit-sharing, at a considerably lower figure.

The negotiating is controlled by the IOC in the interests of the Games, though it will be conscious of the requirements of its Atlanta hosts. The chairman of the IOC Commission is Dick Pound, of Canada, a member of the executive board, together with Dr Un Yong Kim, of South Korea, and IOC staff Francois Carrard, the director-general, Michael Payne, the marketing director, and Howard Stupp, the legal director.

Following substantial losses in recent years on sports rights contracts, CBS, ABC and NBC entered into the latest baseball contracts on a share system from the first dollar. NBC's contract for American basketball is for "only" $750 million over four years, with the National Basketball Association not receiving a further share until profits pass $1 billion.

The television contract value has been in decline, in real terms, since 1988, when NBC made a deal with Seoul for only $300 million, in conjunction with a profit-sharing scheme — that was never achieved — that allowed the Koreans to return home with a face-saving figure, on paper, of the $500 million that they had publicised beforehand but which would never now be realised.

Atlanta, facing cash-flow difficulties, needs an immediately bankable contract this week. Although the organisers' gross budget will probably exceed their projected total, their sponsorship programme is taking longer than expected to close contract deals because of legal complications.

A further problem for Atlanta is that its organisers are considered to be over-staffed with people sitting in committees as opposed to putting bricks in place. Atlanta will be anxious for the IOC to achieve a respectable figure in its negotiations with the television companies this week, especially as the organising committee's share of the television income is now cut by almost ten per cent, a greater share being distributed among other parts of the Olympic family.

هكذا من الأصل



TELEVISION page 28
A self-made film about an unmarried teenage mother avoids both prurience and politics

ARTS

BOOKS page 29
Geoffrey Moorhouse: His account of an Indian journey is among new travel writing reviewed



John Higgins meets the new overlord charged with restoring glory to Paris's troubled opera houses

A white knight for the white elephant?

Hugues Gall, currently general administrator of the Geneva Opera, has been chosen by the new French government to put order into the disarray of Paris's operatic life. On August 1, 1995, he takes over the Bastille and the Palais Garnier and with them control of both the opera and ballet companies of Paris. His contract, long by any theatrical standard, runs until July 2001. The announcement was made at the Aix-en-Provence Festival over the weekend.

During his lengthy negotiations, Gall has clearly held out for absolute power. One of the root problems of the musical mess in Paris during the past decade has been the in-fighting between various factions, both artistic and political. Theatre administrators have come and gone with increasing rapidity. Stability has become but a dream of the past. Many will argue that it has not been experienced since Rolf Liebermann was in charge of the Opera in the 1970s. It is no coincidence that Gall learnt many of his artistic skills at the feet of Liebermann, composer, administrator of genius and one of the last of the operatic autocrats.



Hugues Gall: Organising "la vie lyrique" in France

Liebermann's good fortune was that he had only two theatres to control, the Garnier and the Opéra Comique. Gall has a third, the Bastille, which can lay fair claim to being Paris's most controversial project from the day that President Mitterrand decreed it in 1982. It opened on time in 1989 — just. But only after Daniel Barenboim, the first musical director, had been sacked. One of the most expensive of the Napoleonic "grands projets" initiated by Mitterrand, it has had a scattering of successes, but its shortcomings have drawn far more attention than its triumphs.

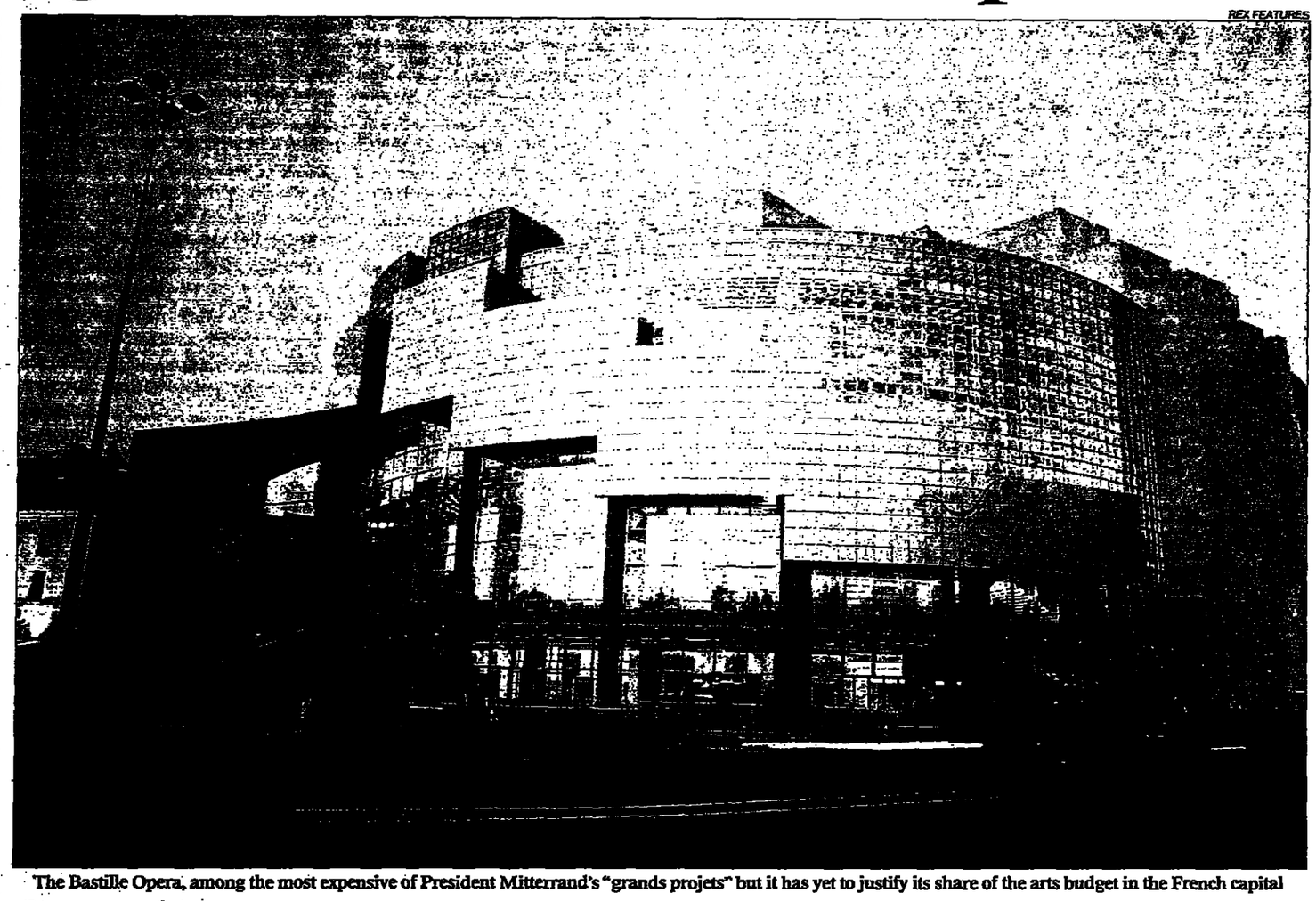
Gall is deaf to the voices of those who would close the 2,700-seat Bastille, but direct about its faults. Something must be done about its acoustics, poor in parts. It lacks intimacy, a proper rapport between stage and auditorium. And it is expensive to run, something the new conservative government is less prepared to tolerate than was its Socialist predecessor.

But the Bastille is *there*, a vast space for the performing arts. Its future, Gall believes, depends on striking the right balance between what is staged there and what goes to the Garnier. Gall reckons that if by the time he leaves in 2001 Paris says "yes, we needed the Bastille", then he will have done his job.

He has been careful not to rush into his new post. There are two years of his Geneva contract to run and these will be honoured. But the crucial reason is Gall's determination that his first season in Paris should represent him and no one else. Operatic plans are made far ahead and many administrators are judged by what their predecessors have left behind. The remains can often look mouldy. Gall is far too wily an operator to fall into that trap.

"Some engagements have been made already for the 1995-6 season, but I have the power to cancel any which strike me as artistically wrong," he says. "I was deputy director of the Paris Opera under Rolf [Liebermann] when I was appointed to Geneva and spent two years planning my first season there. So once again I'll be commuting between Switzerland and Paris. Indeed, over the next three months I'll be preparing a report for the Minister of Arts on all opera in Paris. At the moment ridiculous things are going on: separate productions of *Don Carlos* next year in different theatres."

Gall was born in Normandy 53 years ago. He was a high-flyer in the Ministry of Agriculture in his twenties before being transferred to the Ministry of Culture. He was already at the Opera, involved primarily with union negotiations, when Liebermann arrived in 1971.



REX FEATURES

The Bastille Opera, among the most expensive of President Mitterrand's "grands projets" but it has yet to justify its share of the arts budget in the French capital

Gall took much of the Liebermann style with him when he moved to Geneva in 1980. The Opera there threw off its provincial image and became an international house. It was particularly favoured by singers wanting to try out new roles without the fierce spotlight of a Scala or a Met. Gall was ready to experiment, especially with production by bringing in men the likes of Béjart and Savary to direct opera, but he was also careful not to stretch the taste of his public too far. His special skill has always been in casting, spotting singers such as Raimondi and Ramey.

For that reason he will want to be much more than an administrator in Paris. The contract of Pierre Bergé, Mitterrand's overseer of the Bastille, expires next year. It is rumoured that he will leave cultural activities, possibly for ambassadorial pastures. But the musical director, Myung-Whun Chung, by far the best appointment made by Bergé, has longer to go. Chung has proved his quality as a conductor, and has increased his power considerably. Gall may well have to rein that in before 1995.

He will also have to decide how much opera to bring back to the Palais Garnier, which now has a grandly abandoned look in the middle of Paris. Quite a lot is probably the answer. A substantial sum of money has been set aside for renovation in 1996. While the Bastille has been going up the Garnier has been starved of cash. That situation will now change.

Gall has strong views about fitting the right work to his two principal houses. "Operas such as *Così* and *Figaro* are not suitable for the Bastille. They must play in the Garnier. Equally there is no point in using the Garnier principally as a ballet house when there are too many seats with restricted vision. The natural home for big romantic works, like *Swan Lake* or *Sleeping Beauty*, is the Bastille, where every seat has a perfect view of the stage. Like every intendant I want a *Ring* cycle during my tenure and the Bastille is the natural place for it."

What style of opera will Gall aim for? "Twenty years or so ago at Covent Garden you had the combination of David Webster as administrator, Georg Solti as music director and Joan Ingpen in charge of casting. I'd be very happy to achieve something like that."

That was indeed a period of showmanship, musicality and fine singing.

NEW YORK THEATRE: **Holly Hill** on a film star's successful Shakespeare gamble

Calypso bard is perfect in park

Kevin Kline looked to be stepping off a cliff when he chose to play the Duke in *Measure for Measure*, his first action as the New York Shakespeare Festival's associate producer in charge of its Shakespeare repertoire. Taking the often thankless role in the problematical play simply turns out, however, to be another notch in Kline's career of negotiating cliffs with flamboyant bungling grace.

Michael Rudman's triumphant staging, the most successful of the play I've ever encountered, is set on a Caribbean island. The effects of this transposition are different from Rudman's same choice for his National Theatre production. John Lee Beatty's stucco and shuttered sets in earth tones and blues, Toni-Leslie James's costumes ranging from the wildly colourful to Isabella's short white dress and veil, and Peter Kaczorowski's shimmering lighting are magical in Central Park's Delacorte Theater. Andre Tanker's calypso music weaves throughout the evening, inventively used in several scenes, as when Mistress Overdone (Olivier-winner Karla Burns) rehearses "Take, oh take those lips away" with her tavern band, her singing fading into the background while the Duke, Isabella and Mariana meet to discuss their plot.



Isabella (Lisa Gay Hamilton) and Duke Vincentio (Kevin Kline)

The setting also harmonises the mixed-race casting, as if a white-colonised island is evolving into Home Rule. And though no political point appears aimed at, when African-American actors powerfully play the Angelo-Isabella scenes, his "Who will believe thee?" and her "To whom should I complain?" ring shockingly down the centuries from Shakespeare's characters to Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill.

All these merits add to a production so smashingly acted and directed that it could be played in rehearsal clothes on a bare stage and still be exceptional. Kevin Kline's Duke is an elegant, upright man approaching middle age with a naïvety that makes him a danger to his own people. Adopting a Latin accent, glasses, straw hat and worn clothes as the friar, he bumbles comedically in his disguise, studying and helping his subjects while growing up himself. Some of Kline's comic flourishes might seem overdone to purists — waiting in the tavern, he sips absentmindedly at a rum concoction, responds with bemused interest, and takes the drink off with him — but they are sweetly part of his character.

Kline's Duke would believably fall in love with a novice and have the goodness to win her. Andre Braugher's Angelo is equally credible as a man with goodness in him, puzzled and distraught by his passion for Isabella, at war with himself. Braugher's villainy is tempered with such humanity that Angelo's reprieve comes off not as mercy but justice.

Lisa Gay Hamilton is a glorious Isabella, with a joy in her vocation that makes her pleas to Angelo vibrate with warmth. She gives the character an intelligence and an impassioned nature that moves like quicksilver between such emotions as joy, outrage and grief but never falls into the trap of priggishness. Karla Burns, as Overdone, exemplifies the quality of the supporting cast in a *Measure for Measure* that has few peers in New York Shakespeare Festival productions.

Listen with eyes closed

Rodney Milnes, in his second report from the festival at Aix-en-Provence, is still unhappy

The third operatic offering at Aix-en-Provence this summer, Weber's **Euryanthe**, did little to allay serious worries about current artistic standards at this once-proud festival. Would that one had been a fly on the wall at the relevant planning meeting to discover just who approved Jean Haas's dreary sets and Agostino Cavalca's comic-book medieval costumes, and then to suggest shyly that the guilty party was perhaps in the wrong job.

Hans Peter Cloos's amateurish, ill-blocked production, in which members of the chorus made no attempt to disguise their boredom as they shuffled from position to position, would scarcely have passed muster at any UK music college, let alone one of our professional companies — indeed it would have been hooted off the stage. Had I paid £90 for my seat, I would have been round the management offices the next day to demand a refund with short, sharp words, mostly of four letters. What on earth has happened to Aix?

At least one could lie back and think of Weber. Even the most fanatical admirer of the composer, than whom none is more fanatical than I, has to admit that *Euryanthe* is a festival opera rather than a repertory piece. It really does tail off in the third act, where such gems as the Spring Song and the healing transformation of the ghost's music are set in paste.

But the first two acts are pure gold, making Edward Dent's perhaps teasing assertion that *Euryanthe* is a better opera than *Lohengrin* seem perfect good sense. Weber's command of *Leitmotiv*, his instrumental subtleties and his gift for melody were not to be matched by Wagner until he was well into the *Ring*, and the later composer profitably raided *Euryanthe* for ideas all his life. He even made verbal lifts from Helmine von Chézy's much despised libretto. A thieving magpie indeed.



Euryanthe (Elisabeth Meyer-Topsoe, left), who phrased her lines beautifully; and the thrilling Eglantine (Karen Huffstodt)

Musically, the Aix performance was more than decent. Jeffrey Tate plainly loves and understands this score, and led a brisk, pointed performance, one that would have benefited from half as many strings again as the English Chamber Orchestra could provide or the Aix pit accommodate. But the playing was lithe and appreciative.

The leading roles are all hideously technically demanding. The eponymous heroine, traduced in the same Boccaccio-based fashion as Handel's Ginevra and Shakespeare's Cymbeline, dies from a surfeit of top Cs as much as anything else (she recovers miraculously for the finale), and Elisabeth Meyer-Topsoe, although indisposed, made a heroic stab at the many difficulties and phrased her lines beautifully over crystal-clear diction.

The villainess Eglantine is a dry run for Wagner's Ortrud and a more obviously showy role: Karen Huffstodt's steely, athletic soprano easily and thrillingly cleared every hurdle. Her conspiratorial duet with Andreas Schmidt's Lysiart, pinched almost bar for bar by Wagner for Ortrud and Telramund, was a show-stopper. Lysiart also needs the heft of a Dutchman, which Schmidt cannot provide, but he sang his reflective aria with suave musicianship.

The all-too-easily deceived knight Adolar is another brute of a role, demanding Peter Schreier one bar and Lauritz Melchior the next. Thomas Moser tended to fall between the stools, but it is hard to think who could sing it better today.

Of course, had there been anything to engage the attention on stage, any vocal shortcomings might have been less noticeable.

Forget the struggle, enjoy the grandeur

The Sleeping Beauty
Coliseum

UNIQUELY among Tchaikovsky's ballets, *The Sleeping Beauty* retains everywhere the original concept devised by the Maryinsky Theatre's director, Ivan Vsevolozhsky, to inspire the collaboration of the composer and the choreographer Marius Petipa. Free from the changing of plot, characterisation and dances to which *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker* are perpetually subjected, the story and the general choreographic structure of *Sleeping Beauty* are universal.

So it is in presentation, decoration and emphasis that productions find their individuality. Some people are disconcerted by the Kirov Ballet's *Beauty* because it leaves in the background, ever present but unstressed, the struggle between good and evil which Western productions have tended to emphasise. Instead, it concentrates on the lyrical, light, fairy-tale atmosphere which was Vsevolozhsky's purpose, and it takes for granted the grandeur for which our companies struggle.

Where choreographic details differ, opinion is divided between Russia and the West: our prologue ensembles look more authentic, but they have Petipa's garland dance, and their treatment of the "fish dives" in the big last act duet is right: less spectacle, more romance.

In performance, the Kirov company has two great advantages. First, a splendid orchestra; their playing of the entr'acte between the vision and awakening scenes, given for once complete and in its right context, is especially notable. Second, a company full of good dancers attuned to these roles.

Zhanna Ayupova and Igor Zelensky are the best — and best matched — of three couples I have seen so far in the leads. He tames the tremendous power of his dancing into a controlled elegance, and presents her warm, crystal delicacy to full advantage. Larissa Lezhnina makes a sweet and lovely Aurora, but Faroukh Ruzimatov as her Prince, although magnificently romantic, seemed flustered in his acting and strained in his dancing. Konstantin Zaklinsky made a more casually noble partner for Yulia Makhalina's very uneven Aurora: beautiful in her long vision solo but inappropriately coquettish in her wedding duet.

For the first time in London, the company has a woman playing the wicked fairy Carabosse. Yelena Sherstynyova gives the role a sly smile and an uncanny ability to switch between a small, insinuating appearance and a tall, dominating one.

The Kirov men offer a bigger but softer style than generally seen for Bluebird: Andrei Yakovlev and Mikhail Zavialov jump lightly and go for a long line in the air. Lezhnina, Veronika Ivanova and Irina Shapchitz all show a swift, airy quality as the enchanted princess, and Irina Chistyakova's speed in the Diamond fairy solo is amazing.

Simon Virsaladze's designs are based on a reinterpretation of the original concept: very handsome. The costumes are not always so successful. A pity that three inordinately long intervals each night made for a ludicrously late finish.

JOHN PERCIVAL

OPEN AIR THEATRE
CHRISTOPHER BIGGINS CLIVE CARTER JANIE DEE
A CONNECTICUT YANKEE
Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by LORENZ HART Book by HERBERT FIELDS
Adapted from 'A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court' by MARK TWAIN
PREVIEW TOMORROW OPENS WEDNESDAY 8pm
BOX OFFICE 071-486 2431/1933

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

LONDON

PROMS. Grieg is appropriately featured in tonight's concert, it is his 150th birthday. Finnish soprano *Karita Mattila sings four of his* most famous songs, two from the incidental music which Grieg wrote for the 1876 Oslo production of Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*, and two independent settings of poems by Ibsen and Hans Christian Andersen. Alexander Lazarev, conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra, surrounds these songs with Stravinsky's erotic ballet *Petrushka* and Tchaikovsky's popular Third Suite with *its famous theme*.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

TAKE THAT: The teenybopper *sensation whose new single*, "Pray", entered the charts in true pop fashion at No 1, demonstrate their huge popularity with the last of three consecutive gigs in this mammoth venue.
Wembley Arena, London ◩ (081-900 1234, disabled bookings 081-902 8833 ext 5108). *Tonight, 7pm.*

JOE HENDERSON TRIO: A welcome one-off performance from this mature tenor saxophonist whose 1992 *Lush Life* album, featuring the music of Billy Strayhorn, was a melodic breath of fresh air. A range of classical jazz.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Mon, 7.45pm ◩

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The Royal Ballet's sister company visits *Covent Garden* with a fine season starting with a *Sleeping Beauty* that could give the Kirov a run for its money. *There are also two performances of a* triple bill that brings together Ninette de Valois's biblical ballet, Job, and the superb reconstruction of Massine's brilliant and quirky symphonic ballet, *Choreartium*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066). *Sleeping Beauty tonight, tomorrow, Fri, Sat,* 7.30pm. Mixed bill: Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: If his latest pronouncements are to be believed, that mercurial singer **Prince** is at a watershed. His stated intention is to change his name to a rather *inconvenient symbol and to perform his current repertoire of songs for the last time on this tour.*
NIA ◩ (021-200 2222). Tonight, tomorrow, 7pm

BIRMINGHAM: *A significant influence* on Ray Charles, the fine rhythm and blues pianist and singer **Charles Brown** *made his name in the 1950s* and has enjoyed renewed popularity over the last five years.
Ronnie Scott's (021-643 4525). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. ◩

COVENTRY: *Bob Carlton's rock 'n' roll version of Shakespeare's The Tempest*, **Return to the Forbidden Planet**, *moves on as it continues its national tour. Captain Tempest confronts the evil Doctor Prospero and romance blossoms between the hero and Prospero's beautiful daughter Miranda.*
Belgrade Theatre (0203 553055). Tonight-Aug 7, Mon-Thur, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

LEEDS: Première of **Father's Day** commissioned from Maureen Lawrence, *mother and daughter look after the head of the family, once all-powerful, now senile.*
Courtyard Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews tonight, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Mats Sat (July 31, Aug 14), 4pm. Until Aug 21

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BROTHER TRUCKERS**: Everett Quinton and the Ridiculous Theatrical Company doing their campest stuff in an absurd story about love, murder and garbage. Ripe performances. Weird and wonder-filled production from the school of The Mystery of Irma Vep and direct from a New York run.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. ◩

□ ***THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING***: Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, of jealousy between *siblings, leading to fratricide and* parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). *Mon to Sat 8 pm.*

■ **GREASE**: Back to the Fifties *greased hair and neon sox. Teenage* love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by *Richard Gere.*
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats *Wed and Sat, 3pm.*

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 115mins. ◩

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. ◩

□ **LUST**: Following their *Slice of Saturday Night* the Heather Brothers put *The Country Wife* to music: 21 numbers and Denis Lawson as the rake who pretends to be impotent.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◩ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport *rampant, rubber phalluses*
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, *Sat, 5pm. 35mins.* ◩

◩ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III**: Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Wed, Thur, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm

□ **MARVIN'S ROOM**: Alison Steadman as a kindhearted Florida *woman facing up to mortality in Scott* McPherson's excellent, sane quirky play.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, *NW3 (071-722 9301)*. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. ◩

◩ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS**: Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. *Puzzling but a must for fans*. Directed by William Gaskill.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 *(071-928 2252)* ◩ *Tonight, 7.30pm.*

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ **OLEANNA**: David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play *about political correctness in an* American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

□ **A PENNY FOR A SONG**: *Return of* last year's successful John Whiting comedy, set in a Dorset village at the time of Napoleon. Delightful summer wit.
Orange Tree Theatre, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 4pm.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Triumph *for Patti Lupone as the faded star in* Lloyd-Webber's success, a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn Directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ ***THE WINTER'S TALE***: *John* Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe in a sublimely moving *production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama.*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). *Tonight, tomorrow*, 7.15pm, 180mins ◩

LONG RUNNERS: □ ***Blood Brothers***: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: *New London* (071-405 0072) ... ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ ***Five Guys Named Moe***: *Lyric* (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BAMBI** (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical and *moving after 51 years. Director, David Hand*
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** *(071-839 1527)* **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

STORYVILLE (15): Political corruption, *murder and sex in New Orleans: a fruity* mixture that tastes disappointingly flat. Mark Frost directs James Spader, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

TANGO (15): Philippe Noiret, Richard Bohringer and Thierry Lhermitte aim to kill an errant wife. Tedious, empty, misogynist comedy from Patrice Leconte ("Monsieur Hire")
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. *Efficient* remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham
MGM Fulham Road ◩ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332).

BARAKA (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999)

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain: a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero Antonutti, Assumpta Serna.
Barbican ◩ (071-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough.
Barbican ◩ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◩ *(071-437 1234/497 9999)* **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** ◩ *(071-370 2636)* **MGM Trocadero** ◩ **Notting Hill Coronet** ◩ (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 *1234/497 9999)* **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332).

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** reviews the first of a new series made by, and about, teenagers

Long nights with cradle and camera

Teenage Diaries
BBC2

NOT a particularly edifying subject, on the surface: a plain, lumpish 15-year-old girl raising a new-born baby in a damp, dilapidated council flat crowded with childish boyfriend ("Keef"), big unmarried sister, two-year-old nephew and unsanitary dog. Made into a play by Jim Cartwright or Mike Leigh, this raw material would have its middle-class audience gasping in horror and crawling up the walls. Made into an earnest documentary, it would leave you angry, shocked or desperate.

But made into a programme by the girl herself — for Saturday night's new series of *Teenage Diaries* — it curiously appealed neither to one's prurience nor one's politics. "Natalie's Baby" was about, well, Natalie's baby. And by the end of it, the scandal of the generic "teenage mum" seemed more than ever an invention of tired minds.

Natalie's agenda was a personal one: to show that teenage mums did not sleep around. What it showed instead, and vividly, was that teenage mums *are just mums who happen to be* teenagers. In common with all mums, therefore, they get no sleep at all. Natalie could have been any age. Her boyfriend gallivanted with his mates; she breast-fed while dopey with fatigue. She did washing; she was shapeless; she sat on the settee, surrounded by squalor.

But on the bright side, she loved the baby, had a sense of humour and a supportive mum, and wanted the best for the "little family". Being under 16 had affected her story in two ways: first, she was denied contraception by her doctor (he gave her a leaflet); and second, the state would not help her if she stayed with Keith.

Keith would have benefited from a video diary of his own. How old was he? Did he have a family somewhere? Why did he face the music with Natalie, when so many teenage fathers scarper to play conkers (or whatever teenage boys do)? Considering Natalie's oft-stated affection for him, and considering she had editorial control over the finished film, he came out of it remarkably badly. "Keith was great," she said in voice-over, describing the labour. "He really encouraged me, even cut the cord." But the picture in the delivery room was of a young bloke sullenly underwhelmed by the miracle of new life, distant and awkward, making remarks such as "Looks like a chicken, don't it?"

Keith yelled at the dog, brutally cut the cord on the television (interesting), and disappeared when the social services came to call. When Natalie attended to the baby in the early morning, Keith bellowed at her to turn off the light, adding that she should smack the child for crying. "You can't smack little babies, Keith," said Natalie, reasonably. "F*** it, I would," he grumped. "Keith does *know* he is a Dad," she explained. "But it hasn't quite sunk into him yet."

The great virtue of the video diary is that it conveys life in the present tense, so that the viewer, just like the cheerfully improvident Natalie, takes each thing as it comes. As a form of television, then, it has enormous potential for showing without contextualising, disarming the viewer of any preconceptions, and simply reflecting the character and attitudes of the diarists. When they are bored, the films are boring: when they are dissatisfied, the films are irritating; when they are bouncy, the films are fun. "Natalie's Baby" was obstinate, optimistic, warm-hearted and myopic almost to the point of blindness. Ah, youth.



Obstinate, optimistic and warm-hearted: Natalie, baby and camera

PROMS: Mahler's blazing vision of heaven

Shaped with stylishness

CBSO/Elder
Albert Hall/Radio 3

THE City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's visit to the Proms showed that it is still there among the best of them and that it remains unjaded by the celebrity status which Simon Rattle has brought it. But no orchestra is perfect, and this one has seemed unusually sensitive to the personality of whoever is in charge: take Rattle away and it sounds ordinary.

Unless, that is, you replace him with someone equally gifted, which is where Mark Elder comes in. Elder, though indeed older, has something of Rattle's still youthful flair about him. Now that he is the CBSO's principal guest conductor, we can expect more regular fresh injections of his lively vision.

More important, he is another reliable hand when it comes to shaping performances with real care. Listening, for instance, to the principal phrase played by the violins at the very beginning of Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto, it was impossible not to discern the close attention that must have been paid to its articulation in rehearsal. Elder teased from it its implicit curving grace and elegance.

That ear for detail informed the whole concert, which had opened with a dramatic yet highly disciplined account of Weber's overture to *Euryanthe*. And in the Beethoven, Elder had an equally astute partner in his soloist, Dmitri Alexeev.

A colleague remarked that this was not really Alexeev's piece. Maybe, but the piece certainly possessed him. The way in which he dared the finale to go almost too fast gave the sensation of the music flying by the seat of its pants, something that merely brilliant pianists often lose. His touch dared to steer the median course, neither too heavy nor too light, surely right for this piece in these circumstances.

The Fourth, the most innocent and refined of all Mahler's symphonies, gained much from Elder's considered approach. The textures were beautifully transparent, the balance fine, partly thanks to the swapping of the traditional placings of cellos and second violins and the placing of double basses behind first violins.

Elder paced the work sanely. His art is the antithesis of Bernstein-like extremity, so that the Adagio, with all its contradictions of mood, had a pleasing impetus in both slow and even slower sections but retained its intensity. The blazing vision of heaven at this movement's close was still able to erupt with an immense force, before Amanda Roocroft delivered the song-finale with equally artful restraint — perhaps slightly too much — and an appealing other-worldly innocence.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THEATRE: A strange new play by Nick Stafford

Dirty deeds in the wood

The Devil's Only Sleeping
Cockpit

THIS is a play about sibling rivalry, bird-watching, fratricide and adolescent cross-dressing in a place aptly called Dead Man's Wood. It is also a play where a man must eat the carnation from his twin's grave, and where the characters help their author convey details of times past by mulling them over with the dead.

The dead reply not, but this is no setback because the Mini where one of the murders was committed has been sold to the dead twin's son's girlfriend, and the two of them (son and girlfriend), as well as dressing each other up as David Bowie, with and without skirt, share moments of mystical rapport with other beings.

In one such session, the son (Bruce Richardson) traumatically sees what really happened that night, 18 years before, when dad and uncle were driving at 60mph through Dead Man's Wood. Other scenes take us to a field, a graveside, a car, a farmhouse and a stretch of corrugated iron which the designer, Morwena Holtum, could well have sacrificed to give herself the space to separate the grave from the bird-watching hide.

On the other hand, this superimposition may not be economy but symbolism. The girl (Julia Grayson) only sees a reed-warbler so as to reflect upon cuckoos in the nest. The cuckoo is Uncle Barton, home after serving 18 years for killing his brother and maybe his brother's father-in-law. The family's name is Jinx, and that is presumably symbolic too. Barton (Billy McColl) certainly causes havoc at the homestead, though maybe he wouldn't have flogged his nephew quite so savagely if the lad's mother (Sheridan MacDonald) hadn't led the way.

Barton sets to with the belt because the lad now mystically knows the secret of the crime; his ma does it to beat transvestite notions out of him. "There's some round here'd kill him if he turned weird." We seem to be in some Scottish village but it did not feel like the real world to me, and I could not find it in me to care about Nick Stafford's peculiar characters, their shattered love affairs, the jealous twin, the wife who stubbornly lives in poverty, refusing to touch the money her dad left her because "it's dripping blood".

The rigid lives of unlovely people can be dramatically fruitful, but Stafford and his director, Jon Morrison, are content to give us a bit of naturalism, a hint of the supernatural (for Barton read Devil) and plot developments that seriously challenge belief. The cast act with a determination that sometimes pays off.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM inc CC 071 836 3161 CC 24 hrs (no bkg fee) 071 497 9977/344 4444.
LAST WEEK ENDS SATURDAY
THE KIROV BALLET
Sleeping Beauty Ton't 7.30/ Swan Lake Tomor to Thu 7.30/ Le Corsaire Fri 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Opens Tomorrow at 7.30pm
ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET
Box 071 928 8800
Swan Lake Jul 27 - Aug 7
Romeo & Juliet Aug 9 - 14
Casting - 071 581 1245

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066/1911. Standby tickets avail at £15 from 10am on the day Standby info 836 6903.
THE BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET Ton't, Tomor 7.30 The Sleeping Beauty.

THEATRES

ADELPHI
SUNSET BOULEVARD
"A Genuine Triumph" Daily Mail
"A lean, mean, music machine, it out - Oklahomas "Oklahoma!"" Wall Street Journal
24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 071 344 0055 (with bkg fee) GROUP BOOKING 071 413 3302 (with bkg fee) Recorded Information 071 379 8884
Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920 FAX 071-481 9313 TELEX 925088 PRIVATE 071-481 4000

ALBERY BO/CC 071 867 1115/ 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
PETER BOWLES "Superb" D Tel PATRICIA HODGE "Hypnotic" M.o.S
ROSEMARY LEACH "Magnificent" D. Mail
in TERENCE RATTIGAN'S
SEPARATE TABLES
"Peter Hall's scrupulous revival — a minor classic" Gdn
"Excellent supporting performance from Miriam Karlin, Charlotte Cornwell, Rachel Gurney, Ernest Clark" S. Tel
Mon-Sat 8 Mats Thur 3 & Sat 4

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404/497 9977 The Royal National Theatre's Multi Award-Winning Production AN INSPECTOR CALLS From 21 August

APOLLO VICTORIA SS cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 cc 24hr 071 344 4444/497 9977 071 379 9901 Groups 930 6123 "Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail
White knuckle runs 19.45 daily Tue & Sat 15.00
EXTRA MATS 29 JULY & 12 AUG
Tickets from £9.00 - £30.00

APOLLO 071 494 5070/ 071 344 4444 (no fees) "Prepare for a raving loony night out" D.Exp
THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B.
" Simply F.A.B." S. Tel
ONLY FIVE WEEKS LEFT!

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891 inc cc 4 AUGUST - 30 AUGUST
GEMMA CRAVEN ANDY CRANE JAMES GADDAS MARK GREENSTREET
GODSPELL
Fully Staged Production Directed by Lindsay Dolan Eves 7.30 Sat Mat 3.00 No perf Mon exc 30 August (Prev 3 Aug all seats £10)

CAMBRIDGE WC2 BO/CC 071 494 5080/071 344 4444/497 9977
" HOT STUFF "
THE 70'S MUSICAL
RED HOT £10 PREVIEWS FROM 11 AUGUST
OPENS 18TH AUG AT 7.00
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COMEDY 071 867 1045 cc 071 1111/ 071 344 4444/497 9977 (24hrs/no bkg fee)
THE INVISIBLE MAN
"THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD IN THE WEST END" D Mail
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3
SPECIAL FAMILY PRICES! CALL 867 1045

DOMINION CC HOTLINE 071 413 1411 (24hr) Info 580 8845 /9562 Grps 413 3321/636 0875
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN and DEBBIE GIBSON
"A monster hit" Daily Mirror
NOW BOOKING TO 9 APRIL 1994
Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5001/344 4444/240 7200/379 9901 Grps 831 8625/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME"
NOW IN ITS 4TH SENSATIONAL YEAR
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs apply B.O.
FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS
071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) Groups 071-413 3321 Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30
NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR "A SAUCY COMEDY" E Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T Out

DUKE OF YORK'S 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/no bkg fee 071 497 9977/344 4444 Grps 071 930 6123 Seats from £2.50
ARTHUR MILLER'S
"Best play for a decade" IoS
THE LAST YANKEE
"I URGE & BEG YOU TO SEE IT A MAJOR EVENT. SUPERB" ST
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu 3.00 Sat 5.00

FORTUNE BO & CC 836 2238 CC 344 4444 (24hrs/no bkg fee)/497 9977 (bkg fee) Grps 413 3321
EDWARD PETHERBRIDGE JOSEPH FIENNES
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
" A REAL THRILL OF HORROR" S.Times
"The audience were jumping out of their seats" Observer
Eves 8pm Mats Tue 3pm Sat 4pm
5TH SPINE CHILLING YEAR!
Air Conditioned

GARRICK BO/CC 494 5085/497 9977 (no fee) 071 344 4444
"The outstanding comedy hit of the season" S Exp
PAUL BOWN IVAN KAYE
JOHN GODBER'S
ON THE PISTE
"HYSTERICALLY FUNNY" Today
Mon-Sat 8 mats Thu 3 Sat 4

GLOBE BO/CC 071 494 5067/071 344 4444/497 9977 Grps 930 6123
TOM CONTI
GABRIELLE DRAKE JUDY LOE & JENNY SEAGROVE
in NOEL COWARD'S
PRESENT LAUGHTER
"I was CAPTIVATED and DAZZLED by it's charm and fizz .. A TRIUMPH" D Mail
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO / CC 071 930 8800 / CC (24 hrs no bkg Fee) 071 344 4444 / 497 9977
Denis Lawson
in
LUST
Circa 1661
A comedy musical by the Heather Bros. based on The Country Wife
Mon-Fri 8pm, Wed 3, Sat 4.30 & 8.30
"A Triumph... From Begining To End !" F Times

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/437 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 1994
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

LON. PALLADIUM 24hr BO/CC 071 494 5020 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge) 071 457 9977/344 4444 Serv Chge Mon-Thu/bkg fee Fri-Sat) Groups 494 5455 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge)
Andrew Lloyd Webber's "exuberant new production" Std of "Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Gdn
JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
Dir by STEVEN PIMLOTT
Starring PHILLIP SCHOFIELD
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
NOW BOOKING TO OCT 2
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee) cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123
The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
3RD GREAT YEAR
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 or (24hrs/no bkg fee) 071 836 3464 From 2 Aug: David Glass Ensemble GORMENGHAST.
STUDIO 081 741 8701 27 Jul - 14 Aug Oracle present The Criminal Prosecution and Capital Punishment of Animals Eves 8.00, Sat mat 4.30

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
AIR CONDITIONED
OLIVIER
Ton't & Tomor 7.15
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
J.B Priestley
LYTTELTON
Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.15 & 7.30
THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III
Alan Bennett
COTTESLOE
Ton't 7.30 THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS Luigi Pirandello in new version by Charles Wood
Tomor 7.00 MR A's AMAZING MAZE PLAYS Alan Ayckbourn

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444 Groups 930 6123 Tkts from Tower Records Ldn
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00
LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT
Bars open at 6.45
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

OLD VIC BO/CC 071 928 7616 cc 071 497 9977/ 071 344 4444 Groups 071 413 3321
HAIR
The musical that rocked the world
Book & Lyrics GEROME RAGNI and JAMES RADO
Music by GALT MACDERMOT
Dir by MICHAEL BOGDANOV
from 28th August

OLD VIC BO/CC 071 928 7616
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
GERALDINE JAMES in
LYSISTRATA
"PETER HALL'S superb production" Obs "Ranjit Bolts wonderfully rude translation" D.Tel "Hilarious" Gdn
Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 5

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

OPEN AIR THEATRE Regents Park S 071 486 2431 cc 071 486 1933/071 344 4444 (bkg fee)
NO PERFORMANCE TODAY
A CONNECTICUT YANKEE
Preview Tues, First Night Wed 6.0

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000 Group Sales 071 930 6123 Groups 071 494 1671
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044 867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977
BEST MUSICAL
ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS 1991
BARBARA DICKSON in WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
with CARL WAYNE
"ASTONISHING" S Express
..Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920 FAX 071-481 9313 TELEX 925088 PRIVATE 071-481 4000

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 836 3464 / 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123.
THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL COMEDY
CRAZY FOR YOU
" PUTS THE BRIGHT LIGHTS BACK IN THE WEST END IN DAZZLING STYLE " M on Sun
BEST MUSICAL
1993 Laurence Olivier Award
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00

PRINCE OF WALES 071 839 5972 cc (24hr/no bkg fee) 071 836 3464/071 344 4444 Groups 071 930 6123
It's MORE than a musical...
" SHEER BRILLIANT FUN" FT
"A MUSICAL COMEDY MADE IN HEAVEN" The Times
" THIS ONE YOU HAVE TO SEE " S.Exp
CITY OF ANGELS
THE HOLLYWOOD MUSICAL
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
AIR CONDITIONED
Extended by public demand to 2nd Oct

QUEENS BO/CC 071 494 5041 (no bkg fee)CC 071 497 9977(Bkg fee)
MARK RYLANCE JANET McTEER
" These are two BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES " Obs.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
"Shakespeare makes a welcome return to the West End" S Times
Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Mats Sat 2.30

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

ROYAL COURT 071-730 1745/2554 cc 836 2428(24hrs) 836 5122
OLEANNA by David Mamet
"A Splendidly Controversial Hit " D Tel Eves 8 Sat Mat 4

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (071 638 8891 cc Mon - Sun 9am-8pm)
BARBICAN THEATRE
THE WINTER'S TALE
Ton't, Tomor 7.15
THE PIT : THE ODYSSEY
Ton't, Tomor 7.15
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON (0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm)
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
Ton't, Tomor, Thurs, Fri 7.30, Sat 1.30
SWAN THEATRE: THE VENETIAN TWINS Ton't, Tomor, Thurs, Fri 7.30, Sat 1.30
THE OTHER PLACE: JULIUS CAESAR Weds, Thurs, Fri 7.30, Sat 1.30 & 7.30
Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399 CC 071 344 4444 24hr/bkg fee Grps 413 3321
" RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MASTERPIECE " S. Times
CAROUSEL
'A joyous, brilliant & breath-taking production' Int Her Trib
LIMITED SEASON
10 September to 26 February

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444 Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0
41st Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

VAUDEVILLE B/O & CC 836 9987 CC 24hr (No Fee) 497 9977 Opens August 3rd 7.0 Evgs 7.45 Sat 4 & 8, Mat Wed 2.30 (From Aug 11)
ANTON RODGERS GWEN TAYLOR
in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play
TIME OF MY LIFE

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920 FAX 071-481 9313 TELEX 925088 PRIVATE 071-481 4000

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee)071-344 4444/240 7200 Groups 071 930 6123
BUDDY
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
BUDDY
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
BUDDY
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
4th SENSATIONAL YEAR
OVER 1500 PERFORMANCES
BOOKING THROUGH 1993

WHITEHALL BO/CC 867 1119 /1111 071 344 4444/497 9977
BEST ENTERTAINMENT
1993 OLIVIER AWARDS
Simon Cadell
William Gaunt Richard Kane
TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT
"GILES HAVERGALS brilliant adaptation of GRAHAM GREENE'S funniest novel" Obs.
Mon-Fri 8 Wed 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

WYNDHAM'S 071 867 1116 cc 867 1111 344 4444 (no fee) Grp 930 6123
From The Gate Theatre, Dublin
"Joe Dowling's all conquering production" Eve Her
JUNO & THE PAYCOCK
by Sean O'Casey
" one of the most exciting productions of the decade" Frank Rich, New York Times
" A completely unmissable event" Time Out
Eves 7.45, Wed & Sat Mat 2.30
Limited Season - Until 14 August

TO PLACE YOUR ENTERTAINMENTS ADVERTISEMENT IN
THE TIMES
TRADE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 1920
ADVERTISING FAX NO. 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 4000
YOU MAY USE YOUR ACCESS, AMEX, DINERS OR VISA CARD

EVENTS

KASPAROV v SHORT
THE SAVOY THEATRE
24 GAMES
7 SEPTEMBER-30 OCTOBER 93
STARTS 3.30PM
TUES-THURS-SATS
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM
FIRST CALL
071 - 497 9977
24 HOURS – 7 DAYS
THE TIMES
WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

هكذا من الإمل

A selection of new travel writing: from the Baltic to Istanbul, from Dutch landscapes to Indian gurus

Secrets of the ashram

William Dalrymple

OM
By Geoffrey Moorhouse
Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99

Om is a Sanskrit mantra, much in favour with *Hindu sadhus*, Tibetan monks and New Age travellers: it is said to represent the first sound generated by the newly created universe. Geoffrey Moorhouse's new book is neither a Hi Krishna hymnal nor a guide to transcendental meditation, but the moving record of an Indian journey he made in 1991.

It is now well over 20 years since Moorhouse wrote his brilliant book about Calcutta; and we soon learn that he is going a bit deaf, is getting a little tetchy and seems to feel most at home with pensioners. At one point Moorhouse falls out with a young insurance salesman who is invited him home for lunch; disaster looms until Moorhouse sees it off with the salesman's verandah: "We discovered we had both had heart trouble, and that in consequence we each took the same enteric-coated aspirin to prevent recurrence; we got along famously."

As the book progresses and Moorhouse's ailments multiply — we hear of blisters, attacks of vertigo and claustrophobia, a dicky heart and aching bones — the reader becomes increasingly anxious lest the old boy should keel over altogether. But incipient old age has not in the least affected the sharpness of Moorhouse's eye: *OM* is informed by the same dogged curiosity that distinguished all of his writing. Like an inquisitive ten-year-old he chips away at his subjects until they reveal their stories: he even manages to wring the life history out of a man who has taken a vow of silence.

This book is the story of an agnostic's pilgrimage in search of the miraculous. Starting at Kanya Kumari, on the southern tip of the subcontinent, Moorhouse loops through Kerala and Tamil Nadu, visiting the area's great temple towns and holy places. Indian *ashrams* are normally the exclusive preserve of the young and naive, and to begin with it is unclear why Moorhouse, an uncommitted sexagenarian sceptic, is bothering to visit so many, especially when, more often than not, he finds himself surrounded by charlatans.

The truth only emerges when the writer arrives at the *ashram* of Bede Griffiths, a Benedictine monk who veered away from conventional Christianity in favour of an idiosyncratic Hindu-Christian syncretism. In conversation with Griffiths, the real reason for Moorhouse's journey slips out:

"I found myself telling him my increasing difficulty in coping with the fact that my daughter had died (of a sarcoma in the lung) just as she was beginning to realise how marvellous life could be, whereas I had been brought back from the dead (after a severe heart attack) when I had already had more than my fair share of fulfilment ... The longer I lived the more I was tormented by a profound feeling of guilt, sometimes breaking down embarrassingly on hearing a tune or reading a phrase that connected these two terminals in my life."

The obvious difficulty that Moorhouse has in revealing such personal matters is the key to this book's success. Rather than being flooded with confessional outpourings, Moorhouse's very English reserve keeps the reader's attention as he marches relentlessly on, searching for truth while visiting temples, studying devotees and interviewing saints.

South India is the ideal backdrop for his quest, for it preserves an astonishing variety of different faiths. Within a small area can be found the last Nestorian Christians and a community of Jews dating back to the time of the Babylonian captivity; a Hindu temple where pilgrims are encouraged to shave off their hair (and offer it to be made into wigs); and a Holy Man, said to be a reincarnation of Vishnu, renowned for miraculously producing large green phallic symbols from his mouth. Yet at the end of it all, Moorhouse comes away empty handed, unable to make the final leap of faith.

PAPERBACKS

FIRST LIGHT
By Peter Ackroyd
Penguin, £6.99
EXCAVATION of a burial mound in rainswept Dorset draws together disparate characters. Rustics and archaeologists, a tormented astronomer and a lonely cripple, fading thespians and lesbians from the DoE converge in somewhat improbable manner upon the site, each with something to search for, or something to hide. Secrets of the subterranean world and its profound connection with the stars are gradually discovered. Closer to home, but linked, still, with the past, are themes of loss and barrenness. The humour all this is leavened with makes for a rich or uneasy mix, depending on your mood.

A FOOL'S ALPHABET
By Sebastian Faulkes
Vintage, £5.99
PIETRO Russell, half English and half Italian, struggles to secure an identity during a life of travel that encompasses places beginning with every letter of the alphabet. The variety he encounters however, seems only to confuse him further. Faulkes explores the curious way in which memory and experience confuse an individual's perception of reality. His purpose is serious, but his plain, quiet prose is so stripped of emotion that it often results in a catalogue of commonplace description.

THE BROTHEL IN ROSENSTRASSE
By Michael Moorcock
Phoenix, £5.95
THE greed and power of *fin de siècle* Europe is concentrated in Frau Schmetterling's high-class bordello, where every conceivable taste is discreetly pandered to. To Rosenstrasse comes Count Ricky von Bek, an ageing roué and his young mistress Alexandra. Moorcock uses pornographic devices to undermine pornography, interrupting the text at climactic moments to remind the reader that the whole thing is artifice.

● *Contributors: Sue Gee, Alexander Ross, Brian Morton*

No plain sailing to Byzantium

Anne Applebaum

ON FOOT TO THE GOLDEN HORN
A Walk to Istanbul
By Jason Goodwin
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

Jason Goodwin places himself firmly within an established tradition of British travel writers in his first few pages. He sets the goal: mystical Istanbul, a place he calls "the unreal city". He takes two companions: his girlfriend Kate and his friend Mark. He tells us about buying maps and hiking boots, informs us of his reading material and the contents of his rucksack. In the manner of Patrick Leigh Fermor or Eric Newby, Goodwin then proceeds to walk across Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

At times, this formula works very well. In Transylvania, where Goodwin uncovers a colony of Hungarians who bury their dead beneath "irredeemably pagan" totem poles instead of gravestones, the people are odd enough and the places remote enough to hold the reader's interest. He successfully conveys the bad manners of Slovakia and the briskness of Budapest. I entirely sympathised with his feeling of embarrassment in Jasna Gora, the home of the miraculous Polish Black Madonna, where no one, he rightly surmises, wants a nice Protestant boy hanging about.

But through most of the book, the formula falls flat. Eastern Europe is a fascinating place to visit, but it is not gripping in the way that, say, Tajistan or perhaps Zaire are gripping. The landscapes are often bleak, the cities grey, the people do not speak quaint, quotable English like Indians or Africans; short conversations with them are not necearily any more interesting than short conversations with strangers in London. Nor is Eastern Europe dangerous. If one wants to tramp across fields and sleep in barns, one is safer doing so in Slovakia than in Britain. Goodwin's attempts to make border crossings into frightening occasions seem forced, for the same reason that his characters rarely come up to scratch: they are just not weird enough.

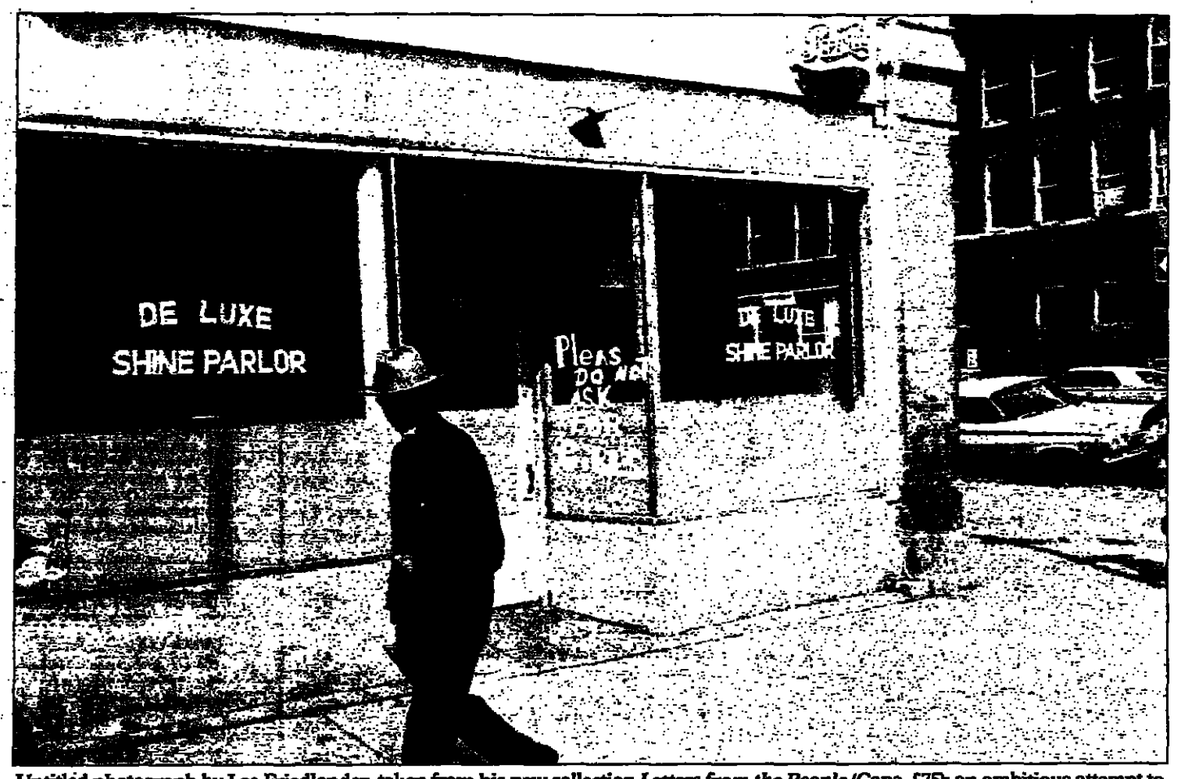
What is interesting about the region is Eastern Europe's recent history, and the nature of the changes there. But by sticking to the role of intrepid-British-traveller-meeting-exotic-natives (and by failing to find interpreters) Goodwin misses what is happening all around him.

In Romania, he meets a man who tells him: "Once I was the boss of border customs ... now I just sell cigarettes." In response, Goodwin writes, "I wanted to ask him what happened." But he never does. In Poland, he meets a man who seems to be telling him in sign language about Auschwitz. But "Poland ... very beautiful," are the only words he can muster, and we never find out whether he has lived through Auschwitz, visited Auschwitz, or whether he is actually talking about Auschwitz at all.

Goodwin's amateurism becomes irritating as the book goes on. There are also errors of judgment (and over 20 misspelt foreign words). Noting the absence of restaurants in small Polish towns, he wonders how the Poles had earned a reputation as Eastern Europe's best black marketeers; given that they are "too unenterprising to open bars at home". Poles became black marketeers precisely because they could not open bars, for legal and practical reasons, at home.

Perhaps the problem was one of unfulfilled expectations. Goodwin is an award-winning writer who has visited more exotic places in the past (India and the Far East are his specialities). Before he left, he thought of Eastern Europe as "a funfair mirror that distorted reflections, producing weird implausible shapes". Instead, it turns out to be a place where hotels fail to appear, the food is bad, and feet become blistered from walking on asphalt roads. Even the first sight of Istanbul proves disappointing. "It looked," Goodwin writes glumly, "like an enormous penitentiary".

Anne Applebaum is foreign editor of The Spectator.



Untitled photograph by Lee Friedlander, taken from his new collection *Letters from the People* (Cape, £75): an ambitious attempt to capture American English through graffiti, signs and hoardings. Friedlander, born in 1934, had a retrospective at the V&A in 1991

Intrepid trips to Milton Keynes

Christopher Hawtree

THE BATTLE FOR ROOM SERVICE
Journeys to all the safe places
By Mark Lawson
Picador, £14.99

PECKED TO DEATH BY DUCKS
By Tim Cahill
Fourth Estate, £7.99 pbk original

A narrow partition divides the novelist from the flash Harry. In his first travel book, the journalist Mark Lawson both traverses the globe and, in effect, repeatedly makes the short journey between Savile Row and Oxford Street: for he can be both nifty and crass within the space of a paragraph.

Lawson's notion was to explore a world turned by the likes of James Hilton (to whom tribute is paid in the subtitle) — such places as New Zealand, middle America, Luxemburg and Milton Keynes.

Whenot striving for effect and contentmply to describe, Lawson can achve a sense of the absurd. He discers, for instance, that the Belfast Tourist Board was puzzled that Belst's hotel occupancy went up aftereach terrorist outrage: it did not cur to the board that each influx cosisted of reporters. Contrast this with his lame joke about New Zealand: "Probably the only country in the world in which people flocked to see *The Silence of the Lambs* believing it to be a public information film about the oesophageal blockage in new-born sheep."

Oblivious to the virtue of restraint, Lawson is more school of Clive James than, say, Ben Hecht or George S. Kaufman. Here is his neat description of Timaru, the most boring town in New Zealand: "Half the people on the street were waving to someone else in a car: that giveaway small-town gesture."

But much can be forgiven a man who, in seeking to tell some Koreans that he is a writer, holds up the latest Anita Brookner and mimes a moving pen. "Then the first man turned the book over, took in the jacket snap of ascetic, angular Anita, and held it up alongside my face. He pointed, both men giggled" — and, ever after, were under the impression that she is the pseudonym for "a huge bearded man".

Judged by its title, Tim Cahill's latest book appears as self-conscious as Lawson's. His travels, however, are the real thing. He pauses only to reflect on that sense of risk which "some people don't understand. The urge annoys them beyond all tolerance ... Over the past dozen years various publications have paid me to dive with sharks, jump out of airplanes, climb mountains in Africa and South America, trek through equatorial jungles, plumb the deepest caves in America, and generally scare myself silly."

Cahill turns such experience to wider account. Never ponderous, but with a pervasive humour rather than localised gags, his day-long observation of a grizzly bear consuming its prey is of a piece with witchcraft in Bali and the quelling of fires in war-stricken Kuwait to create a character and a view of the world. Cahill's work yields its full meaning long after the magazines in which it first appeared have been thrown away.

On tiptoe through tulips

Adam Zamoyski

STILL LIFE WITH A BRIDLE
By Zbigniew Herbert
Jonathan Cape, £9.99

In his earlier collection of essays and sketches, *Barbarian in the Garden*, the Polish poet Zbigniew Herbert, like a half-starved barbarian from the icy north, roamed among the riches and warmth of the south. His reflections, whether on the cave paintings of Lascaux, the stones of Orvieto or the light of Chartres, are full of a deep and poetic insight.

In *Still Life With a Bridle*, Herbert brings the same potent mixture of cosmopolitan experience and childlike innocence to bear on the historical and cultural phenomenon of Holland. Armed with an ancient Baedeker, he sets off in search of the essential Dutch landscape. "In Italy it is enough to lean out of the train window to see a fragment of Bellini flash in front of your eyes," he writes, but things are not the same in Holland. He contemplates the sea-washed skies of Zeeland and the luminous dusk in Leyden, but cannot repeat his Italian experience.

"In Holland I found instead the largest collection of landscapes that were contained in frames," he writes, and this leads him to seek the Dutch landscape in paintings. From the paintings he moves on to the painters. These strange people, half artists, half journeymen, fascinate him. An amusing discourse on the price of paintings and their status as objects raises interesting questions about how the painters saw themselves and what they were doing. A perceptive aside on the bizarre tulip craze and crash exposes the silliness and frivolity lying beneath the placid face of the proverbially stolid Dutchman.

In the essay that gives the book its title, a reflective piece on the virtually unknown painter Torrentius, Herbert considers the relationship between painting and expression in a repressed society. His final observation, that the Dutch did not paint their history, only their lives, hints at what might be the key to the enduring power of their art.

Herbert is above all a poet — one of the finest — and this is what makes every word of his worth reading and thinking about (even in this less than graceful translation). He is never pompous or solemn. This is a book to carry about in one's pocket (it is beautifully produced to fit into one) on a tour of the Netherlands. It will provide cheerful company and a powerful insight into that unique culture. As with the best travel books, after reading it one feels both an intense desire to visit the place oneself, and a conviction that one no longer really needs to, having already done so in the imagination.

Adam Zamoyski is the author of The Last King of Poland *(Cape).*

A WEEKEND AT THE ARUNDEL FESTIVAL

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

Arundel Festival Weekend September 3-5
ENJOY an exclusive weekend break at the Arundel Festival in West Sussex. The weekend begins with supper at the Norfolk Arms, an elegant 200-year-old coaching inn followed by a late-night barbecue. The next day, at 2pm, join Drip Action Theatre Company for a performance which takes place on a boat, in a barn and various other surprising places. Supper on the lawns of the castle is followed by the highlight of the festival, an open-air performance of *The Comedy of Errors* by the Oxford Stage Company. On Sunday we have arranged special entry to the castle itself. Then, after Sunday lunch, you can drop in on a rehearsal for the evening's Tchaikovsky celebration concert with the City of London Sinfonia. The whole weekend costs just £123, including two nights' bed and breakfast, supper on Friday and Saturday nights and lunch on Sunday. More information and bookings on 0903 882101.

OTHER SHOWS

LONDON
Globe Theatre
Present Laughter, July 26-Aug
TOM Conti directs and stars in Nel Coward's comedy. Pay-st £12 for £29 seats at Mo-huirs and Sat matinee performances. Telephone 071-8 1412.
Cambridge Theatre
Hotstuff, Aug 11-16
A NON-STOP musical tribute the 1970s. Free T-shirt with each £10 preview ticket. Telphone 071-413 1412.
Criterion Theatre
Inside My Privacy, Aug 1
A SPECIAL charity performance in aid of the Bobath Cere for Cerebral Palsy. See the show, attend a champagne reception with the stars and take home a copy of the show's CD (per couple) for just £35. Tickets for the show only are £20. Telephone 071-413 1412.
The Pigeon Loft
The Boys, July 29-31
Two £6 tickets for the price of one. Telephone 071-281-7683.

NORTH ENGLAND
Northern Broadside on tour *The Merry Wives*
Alnwick, Northumberland, Alnwick Castle, July 27-31. 50p off £6 tickets. Tel 0665 510783. Halifax, The Piece Hall, Aug 1. Two guaranteed seats (normally £8 each) for £10. Tel 0422 358087. Middleham, Middleham Castle, Aug 6. Two tickets (normally £8 each) for £10. Tel 0969 23820. Warrington, Town Hall Gardens, Aug 10. Two £8 tickets for the price of one. Tel 0925 34958. Oldham, Manor Mill, Chadderton, Aug 13-15. One free child's ticket with every £8 ticket bought. Tel 01678 4072.

TO book for any of this week's special offers, telephone the Theatre Club on 071-413 1422, open 24 hours a day, or call the listed theatre during normal box office hours. You can also use the Club's booking line for other West End productions. A service charge may be levied for some shows. To join the Theatre Club either send a cheque for £12.50, made payable to The Theatre Club, together with your name, address and telephone number to The Theatre Club, PO Box 490, London SE1 9DW or telephone the Club booking number on 071-413 1422 using your credit card. For general inquiries please telephone 071-387 9629. For up-to-date information on club events, telephone the Theatre Club's News Information Service on 0891 555590. Calls cost 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p.

Sam played it for him

John Russell Taylor

THE CASABLANCA MAN
The Cinema of Michael Curtiz
By James C. Robertson
Routledge, £25



Curtiz, from *Casablanca* by Frank Miller (Virgin, £12.99)

Of all the millions who have practised snarling out of the corner of their mouth "Play it again, Sam", or agonised with Ingrid Bergman over whether to go with Paul Henreid or stay with Humphrey Bogart, how many could say who actually directed *Casablanca*?

Readers of David Niven's delightful volumes of reminiscence may remember that Curtiz was the man who said "Bring on the empty horses", and as well as being a living parody of the imperious European in Hollywood, he was an expert in picturesquely fractured Hungarian English. But did his films live up to the persona, or was *Casablanca* just a happy fluke?

Curtiz has never been taken up by auteur or genre criticism, and a glance at his extensive filmography suggests why. The variety is dizzying: comedies, musicals, westerns, films noirs, costume dramas, biopics, horror films — you name it, he made it.

How could the man who directed stars as various as Errol Flynn and Humphrey Bogart, Joan Crawford, Olivia de Havilland, Elvis Presley and Doris Day have a coherent style? Even *Casablanca* emerges from accounts of its creation as a group endeavour, which no one at the time considered as anything but a routine programme picture.

James Robertson is, becomingly, an enthusiast. Though he takes us through the ascertainable details of big-studio hirings and firings for each picture, he still leaves no doubt that he considers Curtiz the ultimate creator of the movies.

In fact such major films in the Curtiz oeuvre as *Captain Blood* and *Mildred Pierce* were completely storyboarded by Anton Grot, as *The Adventures of Robin Hood* and *Casablanca* itself were by Carl Jules Weyl: powerful designers both, who would often be assigned before the director and who more or less determined the overall style and even individual camera setups.

Still, in Hollywood it is sometimes useful to be able to avoid total responsibility. If several extras really were drowned to make the Flood sequence of *Noah's Ark* (1928), the cinematic wonder that it is, it may or may not have been Curtiz's mistake, just as it may or may not have been Curtiz's brilliance which made the film itself a triumph.



Crumpled ball school of consultation

Sir Peter Newsam charts the rise and fall of consultation, and the parents' petitions that go with it. This Friday in The TES.

OUT JULY 23

TES
THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT
80P THROUGH NEWSAGENTS EVERY FRIDAY

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 071 481 1066

EDUCATION

FX:
071 782 728

POSTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

CHAIR OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Applications are invited for a Chair of Chemical Engineering in the School of Chemical Engineering available from 1st October 1993.

The School is a leader in both teaching and research in Chemical Engineering and a major supplier of graduates to the process industries.

The appointment is crucial to the future development of the School which has a wide range of teaching and research interests including mainstream chemical engineering, biochemical engineering, minerals engineering and a range of environmental activities. A proven international reputation in process engineering research is required. In addition the successful applicant will have the opportunity of carrying out part of his research programme within the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Materials for High Performance Applications to which the School already contributes.

Closing date for applications is 24th September 1993.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr P.J.F. Scott, Director of Staffing Services, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT. Telephone No. 021 414 3842 (Fax 021 414 4802).

Working towards equal opportunities

CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES TRUST

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Salary: £50,000 **Location: Central London**

The Council of the CTC Trust seeks a successor to its first Chief Executive, Susan Fey, who is leaving, after five years, to become Chief Executive of the London East TEC.

This is a demanding and important post in a dynamic, lean and rapidly expanding educational trust whose mission is to improve technology education for 11 to 19 year olds, provide curriculum development and support for the new technology colleges together with innovative teacher training.

You will have experience and skills at the highest level in educational administration and/or policy development and implementation, teacher training and staff development, management and finance, project innovation and oversight and fund raising from both the private and public sectors. You will be a fluent and effective communicator and have the necessary personal qualities and experience to relate successfully to private sector sponsors, schools and colleges, LEA's national business leaders, education/training organisations and government departments at senior civil servant and ministerial levels.

Apply in writing with full CV or write for further details to:
Sir Cyril Taylor, CTC Trust, 37 Queen's Gate, SW7 5HR
Closing date for applications: 3 September 1993

University Of Dundee

PRINCIPAL AND VICE CHANCELLOR

The University is proceeding to the appointment of a successor to Principal Michael Hamlin who has intimated his intention of retiring from the office of Principal and Vice Chancellor in August 1994.

The University seeks for this appointment an outstanding individual who can offer both academic leadership and effective management of a multi-faculty institution with well-established strengths and ambitions in both teaching and research.

The Appointment Committee set up by the University Court to nominate Professor Hamlin's successor invites applications from persons with the appropriate personality, qualifications and experience and would also be pleased to receive nominations from third parties. All communications, including personal applications, will be treated as strictly confidential and should be addressed to the Chairman of the University Court, Mr D G Robertson, CBE, c/o The Secretary of the University, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN. Further information about the post and the University may be obtained from the Secretary of the University (Mr R Seaton, Tel: (0382) 23181 Ext. 4006, Confidential Fax: (0382) 201604.

The University is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Two Chairs of Law
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Applications are invited for two Chairs of Law tenable from 1 October 1993 or as soon as possible thereafter by agreement. The University is seeking to strengthen the Department's research profile and the successful candidates will be expected to provide leadership in their specialist areas. While the Chairs are not linked to any particular subject the Department has, at present, a preference for applications in the fields of Business Law (including Company Law, Sale of Goods and Intellectual Property), Labour Law, Revenue Law, Property Law, European Law and Family and Welfare Law. The University reserves the right to consider for appointment persons other than those who submit formal applications.

The salary will be within the professorial range.

The University of Leeds is an Equal Opportunities employer. Women and members of ethnic minorities are under-represented in the University in posts at this level and the University would therefore particularly welcome applications from members of such groups whilst, however, affirming that the appointment will be made entirely on merit.

Further particulars may be obtained from the **Personnel Office (Academic Section), Office of the Registrar, The University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, tel: 0532 335775 - direct line,** quoting reference number 41/33.

Closing date for applications: 31 August 1993

Somerset County Council
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

POSITIVE ABOUT DISABLED PEOPLE

CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER
up to £57,000

We are seeking a Chief Education Officer to replace Jennifer Wisker who is leaving the Authority to take up the post of Secretary to the English Schools Foundation in Hong Kong.

The Chief Education Officer is the Principal Adviser of the County Council and its committees on educational matters and is responsible for the organisation and management of the Education Service and for the co-ordination of the Council's education functions.

You will inherit an Education Service which believes in ensuring the best possible education opportunities are available to the people of Somerset. This is based on a positive relationship with, in particular, elected Members, heads, governing bodies and parents which reflects the principle of partnership. Somerset has been very active in maximising devolution to schools and in providing them with the support necessary to manage the transition to Local Management within an LEA framework.

We are looking for someone with outstanding leadership potential who can demonstrate the flair, drive and commitment which this post requires. You will also contribute, as a member of the County Council's Chief Executive's Management Team, to the corporate management of the Authority.

For further details and an application form please contact Nigel Farrow, County Personnel Officer, County Hall, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4DY (Tel: 0823 255071) or Julie Clarke, County Training Manager (Tel: 0823 255094).

Closing date: 27 August 1993.

SOMERSET • EDUCATION • SERVICES

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Canberra

HUMANITIES RESEARCH CENTRE

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 1995

Applications are invited for Visiting Fellowships in the Humanities Research Centre in 1995. Each year the Centre concentrates upon a special theme. In 1995 the theme will be 'Africa'. The Centre intends to organise three conferences around this theme as well as a conference on 'National Biography and National Identity'. Applications from scholars working in any area of the humanities are welcomed, as a proportion of each year's Fellowships is reserved for those without special interest in the year's theme; the majority of Fellowships, however, will be awarded to those whose work is relevant to the annual theme or the subsidiary conference. Fellows are expected to work at the Centre, but are encouraged also to visit other Australian universities. Grants usually include a travel component and a weekly living allowance. Prospective applicants must obtain further particulars and application forms from the Centre Administrator, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200 Australia (tel [61 6] 249 2700, fax [61 6] 248 0054); or from Appointments (41969), Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF (tel 071 387 8572 ext. 206; fax 071 383 0368). Applications should reach the Secretary, Australian National University by 31 October 1993. Ref: HRC 7.7.1.

THE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Trinity Hall Cambridge
Bursar and Steward

The College proposes to appoint a Bursar and Steward to take office on 1 January 1994. The person appointed will become a Fellow of the College and thereby a member of its Governing Body. The successful applicant will be responsible for the College's finances, investments, and property; for its building programme; for the employment and general oversight of all College staff; and for catering, conference bookings, and related matters.

The stipend which will be dependent on age and experience, will be determined by negotiation with the successful applicant and is expected to be within the range £30,000 - £35,000 a year. The appointment will be for five years in the first instance, and will be renewable for further periods of five years thereafter.

Further particulars may be obtained by *writing* to the Vice-Master, Trinity Hall, Cambridge. CB2 1TJ, and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Applications should be sent, to the same address, with accompanying *curriculum vitae* and the names of three persons from whom references may be sought. The closing date for applications is 31 August 1993.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Professorship of the Archaeology of the Roman Empire

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Professorship of the Archaeology of the Roman Empire, with effect from 1 October 1994 or such later date as may be arranged. The stipend of the professorship is at present £34,984 per annum.

A non-stipendiary professorial fellowship at All Souls College is attached to the professorship.

Applications (10 copies, or one from overseas candidates), naming three referees, should be received not later than 20 September 1993 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Please quote reference ARE/2607

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Lincoln Professorship of Classical Archaeology and Art

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Lincoln Professorship of Classical Archaeology and Art, which falls vacant on 1 October 1994 upon the retirement of Sir John Boardman. The stipend of the professorship is at present £34,984 per annum.

A non-stipendiary professorial fellowship at Lincoln College is attached to the professorship.

Applications (10 copies, or one from overseas candidates), naming three referees, should be received not later than 13 September 1993 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Please quote reference LCAA/1907

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer

COURSES

We'll see you in court.

At Holborn College we like to see our Bar Finalists succeed.

Fortunately, success is part of the Holborn formula. Our Bar Finals Courses (for non-UK practitioners) are internationally renowned; in fact, we have produced more successful Bar Finalists in this examination than any other college in the world.

Whether they choose our one year full-time programmes (starting September or January), the part-time (Saturday) programme or the popular Distance Learning course, students benefit from Holborn's unique style. That means constant professional guidance, courses that are carefully designed to meet the individual's needs and a firm emphasis on advocacy and practical skills.

A complete range of specially-written texts and course materials (the most comprehensive ever produced for this examination) is included in the fees. And with these fees running at only £2895 (full-time), £995 (part-time) and £180 per subject (distance learning), the Holborn Bar Finals courses are the most cost-effective in Britain.

Our track record is remarkable. High pass rates, prizewinning performances and 20 years of teaching and caring for students have combined to make Holborn the UK's top independent law college.

Whichever course you choose, we want you to succeed. And when you end up in court, we'll be delighted.

If you want to find out more, please contact:
The Registrar (Ref T)
HOLBORN COLLEGE
200 Greyhound Road, London W14 9RY.
Telephone: 071-385 3377 Fax: 071-381 3377
Telex: 266386
Advocating Success.

---

don Quijote UK

! Spanish Language Courses in Spain !

★ Quality Schools in Salamanca, Barcelona, Granada and Malaga.
★ All levels, all year round, 2 weeks up to 9 months.
★ Host family or student flat.
★ International, small groups and great variety of courses.

! Phone for a free info-pack now !

081 - 786 8081

EXAM SUCCESS
PROFESSIONAL, 'A' LEVEL OR GCSE
Study at home, pass first time with RRC's Home Tuition Service
● Fully inclusive fees ● Handy exams books – no costly text books to buy
● Your own personal tutor ● Timetable to suit you ● 400,000 exam passes.
Over 100 Professional/Personnel Development diplomas including:
● Accountancy ● Business Centres ● Law Degree ● Photography
● Banking ● Estate Agency ● Management ● Safety & Health
● Book-keeping ● Job-Hunting ● Marketing ● Writing
Over 35 GCE 'A' Level and GCSE Courses including:
● Accounting ● English ● Government & Politics ● Mathematics
● Business Studies ● French ● History ● Science
● Economics ● Geography ● Law ● Sociology
▶ ☐ GCE 'A' Level & GCSE Courses ☐ Professional Courses
Please tick your choice of FREE GUIDE & PROSPECTUS and return with your name and address to:
RRC The Rapid Results College (FREE PROSPECTUS BY RETURN)

QUEEN'S

'A' Levels finished... what next?

Diploma & Certificate Courses in:
Typing/Word Processing ■ Information Technology
Desk Top Publishing ■ Marketing & Management
Euro-Lingual ■ Journalism & Public Relations

Please write or telephone for a prospectus:
The Queen's Secretarial College
24 Queensberry Place, South Kensington
London SW7 2DS Tel: 071- 589 8583 (24 Hours)
Accredited College

Your passport to a career with children
LUCIE CLAYTON COLLEGE OF NURSERY TRAINING
8-WEEK INTENSIVE COURSES DAY OR RESIDENTIAL
4 Cornwall Gardens, London SW7 4AJ.
Telephone: 071 581 0024
LUCIE CLAYTON

Career Training for Graduates
● One term Office Skills & Information Technology course.
● Options in Marketing, Accounts & Business Languages.
● Professional career planning & job placement assistance.
● In the heart of historic Oxford.
Prospectus: (0865) 200779
St. Aldates College, Blue Plaque (1965), Oxford OX1 1SB

FRENCH TUITION holidaying with French family in Le Touquet. Qualified teacher. Beds avail. 010 33321 080 919 Miss Lelour

TEACH ENGLISH in Athens. University degree holders, attractive salary, accommodation offered. Tel: 071 607 7736

MAKE THE NEXT STEP THE RIGHT STEP

What university or college? Which course? Start now? Start later? Start work or study, or? What future? Let us help you make the right decision. Our free enquiries is your first step

CAREER ANALYSTS
Dept TTT 20 Gloucester Place, London W1
Tel 071-935 5452 (24 Hours)

EF International Language Schools
The best place to learn a language

French in Nice • German in Munich
Spanish in Spain • Italian in Italy
Holiday, Intensive and Gap Year courses available
Call now for free brochure 071-401 3660

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Hampstead
For girls and boys from 3-13. A limited number of places are available for further information and interviews please contact the School Secretary at 69 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6PB. Tel: 071-435 1916

IT TRAINING FOR JOBS
Special courses For Graduates & Gap year
Intensive Typing, Wordprocessing, Spreadsheets, Database, DTP, Windows, Graphics, Audio
Computer Programming
● C & C++ ● Cobol ● dBase ● Pascal
TUITION STARTS SEPT
City & Guilds - RSA - LCCI Exam Centre
Staff Teaching Groups - Guaranteed Jobs
071 242 0566

COURSES

PROFESSIONAL SUCCES STARTS HERE

One-Year Access Courses in Law, Business Studies or Accounting

The route to a professional career
Our Access Courses lead to Certificates in Law, Business Studies, Accounting or Law & Business Studies, taking you on to one of prestigious honours degree programmes in Law or Business.

Imaginative Courses
Our Access Courses are internally examined and 30% of your final grade is judged on course work. This means less pressu less stress and more time to really understand the subjects. Subjects that will, after all, be the foundation of your future car

First-class Teaching
We want you to succeed. That's why we've developed our unic formula. Students are taught in small groups with constant personal guidance and specially written texts – all included in the fee of £3500.

A happy, caring atmosphere
Holborn runs an excellent welfare and accommodation service keep your studies and leisure time as stress-free as possible. High pass rates, superb teaching and 20 years of encouraging and caring for students; these are our hallmarks.
No wonder professional success starts at Holborn.

If you want to find out more, please contact The Registrar (Ref T).
HOLBORN COLLEGE
200 Greyhound Road, London W14 9RY.
Telephone: 071-385 3377
Fax: 071-381 3377 Telex: 266386

University of Luton
Postgraduate Diploma in
Marketing

An essential course for Arts or Science graduates wishing to pursue a career in business or marketing.

Study units include:
- business executive skills
- marketing
- business policy
- international marketing
- law
- finance
- research
- communications
- a seminar programme

One year full time

For more information please contact:
Faculty of Business
School of Marketing & Behavioural Studies
Sally Mayne on
0582 34111 ext 253
or
John Beaumont-Kerridge, Course Manager
0941 101339

formerly Luton College of Higher Education

PUT YOUR CAREER ON AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE.

Whether you have your sights set on an MBA, MA, BA or BS, our 75 years experience and extensive European network mean that we have all the right qualifications.

For our colour brochure, contact us on Tel: 071 630 7771 or Fax: 071 630 82

Webster UNIVERSITY
5 GROSVENOR GARDENS, LONDON SW1W 0BD
GENEVA · VIENNA · LEIDEN · ST LOUIS, U.S.A.

---

montessori TRAINING

Train at an accredited NVQ* Assessment Centre for Child Care Education. Study Full-time, Part-time or by Correspondence

Pre-primary Teaching Diploma	3–6 yrs
Infant Toddler Diploma	0–3 yrs
Nursery (Foundation) Teaching Diploma	3–6 yrs
Nursery Nurse NNEB Diploma	0–7 yrs
Special Educational Needs Diploma	
Montessori English Language Teaching Diploma	

* 25% Gov't Subsidy available for qualifying applicants
OPEN EVENINGS EVERY MONTH
Call for details: 071–493 0165 or write Dept T
LONDON MONTESSORI CENTRE
18 Balderton Street, London W1Y 1TG

A small but expanding independent GCSEnd A level college in Central London requir a

PRINCIPAL

for September 1993, or as soon as pssible thereafter.

Please send letters of application andill cv quoting two referees to Mr I D Davarn, Bloomsbury College, 8 Herbrand Streetondon WC1N 1HZ.

Tel: 071 837 3864 for further deta.

DEGREE COURSE

Earn a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree by millilingual lifeand work experience. No residency required. Full credits are allowed for all work and life achievements. There are no formal examinatns. We will help you obtain that vital degree qualification entirdyr distance learning. Our programme is directed at self-motivated mend women who have already mowed some distance towards their ownals.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE UNIVERSY
Dept. T1, Stolmegade 22, 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark.
Tel: +45 3181 3400 Fax: +45 3181 381.

It's the quality of your skills that decides the quality of your job.

LUCIE CLAYTON Secretarial College

is unique. Short or long courses. Day or res. 4 Cornwall Gdns, London, SW7 4AJ. Tel: 071 581 0024

TI ST JAMES'S Secretarial COLLEGE
SEPTEMBER START
★ 3, 6 and youth courses
★ Options Public Relations, Journalism & Commercial Languages
★ Career Advice and Job Placement service.
Write or Mfor, 4 Wetherby Gdns, London SW5 0N or phone 071 37852

COURSES

Language Studies International
Courses in France, Germany, Spain, Italy and UK.
Tel: 071 499 9621
Fax: 071 491 0992

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE
The prime location for Italian and Art History
Courses of 5 days, 2 weeks, 1 month, or longer
Lungarno Guicciardini 9, 50125 Firenze. Tel 01839 55 284031 Fax /289257

PARENTS - CHILDREN 'WORDS FAIL YOU?'
CALL 'SPELLBINDERS'
071 723 5840
SPELLING & READING SPECIALISTS
For FREE assessment
(Please leave name & contact number initially).

WOMEN BACK TO BUSINESS
A FULL TIME 12 WEEK COURSE NEXT COURSE STARTS SEPT 20 1993.
Computing, Accounts, Law and more
FREE! (EEC subsidy)
Contact Tony Saunders-Davies
Richmond Adult College
Clifden Road
Twickenham TW1 4LT
Tel: 081-891 5907

ALL BOX NUMBER REPLIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

BOX No:- ____

c/o TIMES NEWSPAPERS
P.O. BOX 484,
VIRGINIA ST,
LONDON, E1 9DD

هكذا من الأصل

EDUCATION

ON FRIDAY: Second Degree
The Times Guide to taught postgraduate courses

After 260 hours of debate, the Education Bill saga is coming to an end. **John O'Leary** explains what it will mean

A new chapter but doubts remain

Today the final chapter will be written in a year-long saga designed to transform schooling in England and Wales. After more than 260 hours of debate, the longest piece of legislation on education to come before Parliament will make its final exit from the House of Lords.

Despite 580 amendments in the House of Lords alone, the Education Bill has the same basic tenets that made it the government's "blueprint for the next 25 years". But, in the year since John Patten, the education secretary, outlined his plans, much of the debate has passed almost unnoticed. Important elements have been added even this month, and the final scrutiny in the House of Commons last week allowed for less than a minute's discussion per amendment.

Since the bill was introduced last autumn, there have been changes to proposals on sex education, opting out, special education, exclusions and truancy. Even the preamble to the bill, which sets out the framework for the state education system, has been replaced.

The government's critics claim that many of the changes could have been avoided if there had been fuller consultation before the bill was published, and the late submission of amendments on controversial areas such as sex education left insufficient time for MPs to express their views. Alan Howarth, a former Conservative education minister, put the case for more debate forcefully but vainly when the guillotine was applied last Monday.

His concern was the change to the national curriculum, which will make sex education a separate, compulsory subject, but give parents the right to withdraw their children from classes. Mr Howarth insisted that the proposal, introduced by a Labour peer only on July 6, went beyond the revising responsibilities of the House of Lords, and could have damaging consequences for those least likely to receive sex education at home.

Eric Forth, the minister who piloted the bill through the Commons, accepts that more time would have been desirable, but thinks the case has been overstated. "Naturally", he says, "it would have been preferable to have more debate, but the government is getting towards the end of its business and I am satisfied that most of the big changes were discussed fully in the Lords. On the question of sex education, our view is that very, very few parents are going to exercise this right. Most would rather be reassured that their children are receiving sex education within a moral framework at school."

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, is more concerned with the wider implications of the guillotine. "We have checked, and it has never happened before that 580 amendments are pushed through in eight and a half hours," she says. "All sorts of anomalies could be thrown up because of the lack of scrutiny. When the government has listened, it has smacked of tokenism because at every stage the main concern has been the lack of pace on grant-maintained schools."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, put down a record 300 amendments, but fewer than ten will be in the act, when it receives royal assent next month. He has fought a running battle with Mr Forth on the relationship between local authorities and the new funding agency.

Mr Foster says: "It has become obvious from all my exchanges with ministers that they have no clear idea of exactly how the new admissions process is going to work. It is obvious from their refusal to give local education authorities the lead role even in special education that they are really interested only in easing them out."

Mr Forth claims to have found a compromise on the planning of special education, which would include local authorities, and expresses confidence in the prospects for apparently hostile partners working together on school admissions. "Everyone has the interests of education at heart and will want to use the new mechanisms constructively," he says. "I suppose that if they do not, the secretary of state will have to use his reserve powers more than he would want or expect."

It is the extent of those powers that worries the Campaign for State Education, which has monitored every stage of the bill's progress. Margaret Tulloch, the secretary, says: "The new first clause of the bill seems to give the secretary of state the power to do almost anything he likes. We regard the bill as a missed opportunity because it does not address issues that really concern parents, such as the right to nursery education and smaller classes."

For the government, however, the bill has been an unqualified success. Although it has been estimated that there have been almost 1,000 amendments during the bill's parliamentary progress, Mr Forth says that more than half of those reaching the Commons last week were minor drafting changes and many others were purely technical. The integrated nature of the bill, which set out to encapsulate all the government's reforms, meant that almost any changes would require consequential amendments.

Ministers' immediate priorities — to facilitate the growth of opting out, create a management framework for the new sector, bring together advice on testing and the curriculum, and prepare a new approach on the improvement of the worst state schools — are all on target.

The blueprint may not last 25 years, but it will not be long before it begins to have an effect.

The main changes to the Education Bill:
- Local education authorities' pre-eminent position as providers of state education removed.
- Reserve powers given to the education secretary to intervene in local disputes.
- Sex education to be compulsory, and parents' given the right to withdraw children from classes.
- Local authorities and the new funding agency to collaborate on arrangements for special education.
- Parents entitled to establish new grant-maintained schools without 10 per cent support in the locality.
- Indefinite exclusions abolished: replaced normally by a of three-week limit.
- Local authorities required to fund referral units for truants and disruptive pupils.



Silent running: since John Patten outlined his plans, much of the debate has passed almost unnoticed

Just poor teaching, basically

BRITAIN now has six million adults with literacy problems, according to a recent report from Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit. What an indictment on their schooling. A secondary English teacher myself, I am worried by this news but not surprised.

I am increasingly conscious that vast numbers of the pupils I see are unemployable in terms of their ability to read and write accurately. In our area about 25 to 30 per cent of 11-year-olds go to the grammar schools. The "unselected" majority then come up to year seven with us and very many of them display a woeful shortage of reading and writing skills. While a few have real "learning difficulties", most are ordinary, average children with the potential to achieve a very reasonable standard.

Some of them cannot join up their handwriting and have never been taught to do so. Many have no idea how to spell everyday words such as "success" and "unusual". Sentence structure is often a closed book too. Any notion that a sentence is a unit which requires a subject and a predicate is quite foreign. If they are asked to read aloud, their efforts are frequently hesitant and uncomprehending. Individual reading tends to be reluctant and slow.

I attribute these widespread shortcomings to the lack of time which primary school colleagues are spending on drumming the basics into children of middling ability. Three cheers for the proposed "slimmed down" national curriculum if it restores a commonsense approach to teaching the basics.

VIEWPOINT

SUSAN ELKIN



As things are, what can we do to help the hordes of inadequately prepared 11-year-olds who arrive in secondary schools each September? The English department teaches each child for only about 10 per cent of his lessons. Besides, as all the recent brouhaha about testing showed so clearly, few English colleagues are committed to placing the emphasis of their teaching on the sorely needed accuracy of expression. Some, indeed, are not themselves possessed of the necessary skills and knowledge to teach English in a rigorous way. If standards of literacy are to improve them, all teachers have to accept some responsibility for it, irrespective of their subject area.

LAST month I marked the English national curriculum tests for 14-year-olds. The results tell a sad story. Many of these students have actually regressed since they left their primary schools. The end product is an almost unbelievable level of carelessness and frequency of error. Consider this genuine example, transcribed from Paula's key stage three test paper: "The 4th Hobby is going to dog shows. with my mum. my dad and Brother find them boreing. we have a White crossbread dog her name is Kim She is an alsation x labrodor we allways come back from the dog shows rosetts or trophies or citifecets".

Or consider Louise, writing about Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man: "The characte Started young and begain talking about getting older. first a Infant mewlling and pucking. all the way up until his an old man'.

These students actually have something to say. They are not "remedial" or anywhere near it. Paula and Louise are simply the victims of nine years of exposure to romantic and unrealistic teachers. There are tens of thousands of Paulas and Louises in our schools. In two years they will be looking for work. Who would employ them? I wouldn't.

Where to find a vacancy

THE search for a postgraduate course will be made easier this week, when *The Times* launches the first national vacancy service for masters and diploma courses.

More than 2,500 courses with vacancies for the autumn will be listed in Second Degree, a special supplement to be published with *The Times* on Friday. A second supplement, showing where vacancies still exist, will be published on September 10.

The centralised service has been set up by the vice-chancellors' own company, Higher Education Business Enterprises, which is collecting the vacancy information. More than 100 universities and colleges will be included in Friday's supplement.

Friday's supplement, which will include news and advice on postgraduate issues, will cover courses in 54 different subject areas. It will give an indication of how full the courses are, and the names and numbers of contacts in each institution.

On the same day, *The Times Higher Education Supplement* will publish the first listing of research studentships. It will be updated in August and September.

Benefits from street-level science

GCSE science is producing highly inquiring minds but testing teachers who have to follow the National Curriculum syllabus

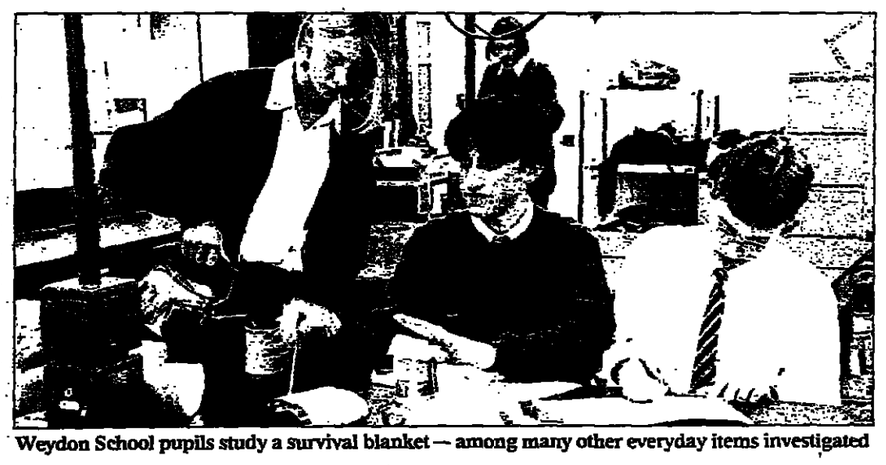
Ordinary plastic shopping bags are helping pupils at Weydon School, in Farnham, Surrey, to reach their full potential in GCSE National Curriculum science — which will be examined for the first time in 1994.

While teachers throughout the country are concerned about the new criteria for science teaching and how pupils' coursework can be assessed to the highest levels specified, Weydon School is pressing ahead. Innovative investigations involve sheep, transformers, batteries, slippery slopes, sweaters, and survival blankets for hikers, as well as the plastic bags.

Not that there is anything new in the science used in these investigations. It is the approach in the science lab which has changed. The National Curriculum requires that students are now assessed, in their investigations, on their ability to ask questions, predict, hypothesize — observe, measure, manipulate variables — interpret their results and evaluate scientific evidence.

No longer does the science teacher discuss the expected outcomes of experiments with the pupils before starting. The pupils now have to predict and hypothesize before reaching conclusions and measuring outcomes. And it is this subtle, but profound, difference in emphasis which is causing much of the concern. Teachers, the exam boards and government advisers are being stretched in an effort to adapt to the changes. Progress is being made.

Scientific knowledge now has to be used and applied. So it makes sense to the teachers at Weydon School, and elsewhere, to use everyday objects which require science for their manufacture and function. And that is where the plastic bags and survival blankets come in. By starting with real objects and working back, the pupils can understand the science behind the artefact and the consequences or benefits in changing or altering its structure or use.



Weydon School pupils study a survival blanket — among many other everyday items investigated

Plastic bags have been subjected to heavy loads and stretched to destruction, as have strands of wool and other knitting materials, and conclusions reached about what effect a reduction in the thickness of the plastic used would have. Or what effect thinner wool or a mixture of wool and man-made fibres would have on sweaters.

The reason sheep huddle together to keep warm has come under the watchful eyes of the pupils.

Survival doesn't only come in blankets. It comes in school classrooms and staffrooms too. Understanding the science behind the changes has not been easy, but pupils are beginning to benefit. There is another year before they need be assessed and scientific maturity is beginning to show.

Ian King, head of science at Weydon School, believes that the highest levels will be achieved and that some of his better students are beginning to reach these. "The scope is certainly there with this new approach and the investigations allow the top students to be stretched," he says. "It is leading to some very good science, and I am very excited about the investigative approach. The less able students are not being left behind either."

Many teachers, and the other agencies involved, still have reservations about the changes. They say the syllabuses have too much content and the mix of the separate sciences is wrong; they argue that assessment criteria need to be refined and there should be more examples of the coursework and assessment patterns that apply.

The exam boards are taking every opportunity to provide this information, where they can. My own board, for example, is holding teachers' meetings and has introduced a consultancy service to support the teachers and put them in touch with other schools tackling the same problems.

It is hoped that some of the shortcomings identified will be addressed by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman-designate of the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority, who is reviewing these issues at the request of the Secretary of State for Education.

Meanwhile, the exam boards and teachers are huddling together — but are prepared to retreat to the survival blankets if all else fails.

GEORGE TURNBULL

● *The author is director of public relations for the Southern Examining Group, one of the biggest GCSE examining boards*

Are you feeling one degree under?

On Friday, July 30, we publish the first-ever register of vacancies on post-graduate courses at universities all over Britain this October. Almost 3,000 courses, exclusively in The Times, to make you feel brighter. THE TIMES

Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings end July 30. §Contango day August 2. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,165.30	Abbey Natl	394	-6	11.5	3.6	15.2
1,652.90	Allied Irish	252	-4	...	4.5	13.9
2,177.60	Aus New Z	178	-5	...	5.1	...
10,218.40	BankAmerica	2931½	-62½	...	...	...
1,060.70	Bk of Ireland	236 †	-8	...	5.9	16.7
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	330	...	17.0	6.2	...
1,751.60	Bank Scotland	151	-1½	4.5	3.8	30.1
7,553.50	Barclays	468	-21	...	4.0	...
6.84	Benchmark	4½	+¼	...	...	...
6.40	Carlisle	21	+1	...	...	...
119.50	Cater Allen	496	+9	27.0	6.8	...
140.60	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
5,326.80	Chase Manh	2131½	-37½	...	...	...
7,630.90	Citicorp	2087½	-18½	...	...	...
158.40	Close Bros	360	+10	...	3.4	16.0
3,866.70	Commerzbk	£123½	-12½	...	3.2	...
13,541.60	Deutsche Bk	£285	-10½	...	2.1	...
119.10	First Nat Fin	73	-6	...	...	...
44,503.80	Fuji Bank Y	1537	-17	...	0.3	...
168.50	Gerrard Nat	431	+7	21.5	6.2	11.5
5,173.20	HSBC	626	-29	19.0	3.8	15.0
10,790.10	HSBC HK	611	-25	19.0	3.9	14.6
595.70	Hambros	341	-1	14.0	5.1	15.7
18.80	Joseph (L)	358	-2	16.6	6.0	...
21.20	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
534.50	Kleinwort Ben	408	+2	16.0	4.9	14.1
7,169.00	Lloyds	558	-29	18.4	4.1	16.0
47.60	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
6,032.60	Nat Aust Bk	468	-6	...	4.3	16.2
7,941.30	Nat West	481	-21	17.5	4.5	29.2
998.90	Provident	374	-3	11.4	3.8	16.2
16.10	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
2,307.80	Rvl Bk Scot	291	-10	8.8	3.8	...
1,000.00	Schroders	995	+35	...	1.4	19.8
1,948.00	Stand Chart	818	-30	28.0	3.1	...
2,452.50	TSB	194½	-4½	6.4	4.2	...
28.70	Union Disc	151	+6	...	...	...
1,539.40	Warburg SG	716	-12	...	3.3	16.1
105.90	-do- 6% 'A'	240	-5	...	3.0	...
4,092.50	Wells Fargo	7387½	-43½	...	1.4	...
3,105.20	Westpac	177	-7	...	4.3	...
20.40	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	...

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,780.40	Allied-Lyons	542	...	...	4.8	14.6
4,008.30	Bass	471	-4	18.9	5.0	10.3
319.60	Boddington	265	-1	7.3	3.4	15.4
225.20	Bulmer (HP)	424	+15	10.1	3.0	...
25.10	Burtonwd Brw	135 †	-1	4.7	4.4	...
193.50	Devenish (JA)	359	-3	7.6	2.7	20.2
20.00	Eldridge P 'A'	316	-4	...	3.9	27.3
1,717.40	Fosters Brewing	54	-½	...	5.0	7.5
81.40	Fullr Sml 'A'	403 †	+10	7.4	2.3	...
8,226.70	Grand Met	396 †	...	12.3	3.9	13.1
622.70	Greenalls Grp	351	-4	11.7	4.2	11.6
230.10	Greene King	544 †	+4	12.3	2.9	...
8,971.30	Guinness	447	-5	...	3.3	15.9
64.30	Hardy Hansn	265	-8	7.9	3.7	14.2
2.84	Heavitree	312	+7	3.0	3.4	26.7
3.55	-do- 'A' Lv	92	+10	3.0	4.2	21.9
409.10	Highland Distl	327	...	6.0	2.3	21.7
93.00	Hob J	3100	-13	41.0	1.7	20.2
3.23	Hoskins Brew	56 ■	...	...	...	40.3
346.80	Invergordn Dist	272	-2	...	3.2	15.5
193.10	Macallan-Glen	166	...	0.9	0.7	37.3
53.00	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
123.70	Mansfield	793	+5	...	2.5	14.0
247.30	Mrston Thmp	273	-10	5.4	2.5	...
99.80	Matthew Clark	421	+6	...	5.1	...
34.40	Mrrydwn W	294	-1	...	2.7	20.5
111.30	Morland	525	-13	8.4	2.0	20.9
5.03	Paramount	10	+2	...	2.1	17.7
24.00	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
4,804.10	SA Breweries	903	+22	...	3.0	15.0
1,808.20	Scot & New	427½	-21½	...	4.9	13.1
227.30	Taunton Cider	208	-3	6.0	3.7	...
322.50	Vaux Group	233	-3	9.3	5.0	16.1
85.50	Wetherspoon JD	273	-9	...	2.2	22.1
2,232.90	Whitbread 'A'	494	+9	...	4.5	13.3
173.00	-do- 'B'	1055	+57	...	2.1	26.5
328.30	Wolvrhmptn D	498	+3	11.4	2.9	14.0
14.10	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
42.60	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
9.61	Albrighton	19	-2	...	...	...
25.10	Allen	113	...	...	3.5	25.6
175.70	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
1.98	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
46.90	Ashtead	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
322.10	Attwoods	116	+1	5.0	5.4	16.8
1,036.90	BPB Ind	209	-5	...	4.5	35.6
24.90	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
2.72	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
18.20	Barcom	98	+1	1.2	1.6	17.8
268.00	Barratt Devs	149	+9	2.0	1.7	16.6
183.60	Bellway	377	...	...	4.0	21.8
11.40	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
304.50	Berkeley Gp	397 †	+1½	6.0	1.9	...
12.40	Ben Bros	83	...	...	0.8	34
13.10	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
1,699.90	Blue Circle	246	+1	...	5.7	...
71.80	Boot (Henry)	276	-1	5.9	2.7	15.4
25.30	Breedon PLC	89	+1	4.6	6.5	21.5
20.20	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
17.90	Brit Fittings	75	-1	1.5	2.5	...
348.40	Bryant	127	-3	4.8	4.7	27.2
26.80	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
784.20	CRH	270	+1	...	3.4	17.2
1.38	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
78.30	Costain	34	-2	...	...	...
99.20	Countryside	130 †	-2½	...	4.0	34.4
47.40	Crest Nicholson	62	+2	0.0	...	...
13.30	Cussins	93	...	...	...	...
1.19	Dunton	2½	...	...	...	...
8.43	Edmond Hldgs	16	+1	0.5	3.9	...
50.00	Epwin	254	-1	6.8	3.3	21.5
21.50	Erith	36	-1	0.3	1.0	...
40.20	Eve Group	423	+6	...	3.0	...
163.80	Evered Bardon	45	...	2.0	5.8	21.1
5.71	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
9.41	Freeman Gp	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
34.60	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	15.7
0.90	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	...	...	...
91.50	Gleeson (MJ)	915	-37	12.7	1.7	14.8
221.30	Hewden-Stuart	137½	...	...	3.4	27.4
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	1.5	33.4
224.30	Heywd Wlm	308	+4	12.5	5.1	...
38.70	Higgs & Hill	88	...	2.5	3.6	...
10.70	How Gp	26	-1	...	7.2	...
4.52	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
162.70	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
12.50	Jarvis	18½	-½	...	...	...
122.30	Laing (J)	267	+1	9.0	4.2	10.7
7.17	Ln Clydeside	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
14.60	Lovell (YJ)	17½	-2	...	...	7.9
117.80	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
390.40	Marley	138	...	4.2	3.8	40.5
98.00	Marshalls	81 †	-1½	...	6.2	55.8
37.80	Maunders (J)	153	-1	4.9	4.0	14.0
113.00	McAlpine (A)	200	-4	6.5	4.1	34.6
18.30	McCarthy & S	26	-2	0.5	...	...
131.00	Meyer Int	347	-4	...	3.6	34.7
1.21	Miskin Gp	4 ■	...	...	...	...
112.70	Mowlem (J)	104	-4	4.0	4.8	...
15.40	NSM	90	+8	...	...	...
9.01	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
162.30	Newman Tnks	151	...	...	6.6	20.2
253.90	Persimmon	257	-10	8.6	4.2	26.2
3.61	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
71.20	Prowting	111	...	3.4	3.8	...
2.54	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
1,521.00	RMC Gp	776	+8	...	3.2	30.5
14.80	Raine Ind	76	-6	6.0	9.9	12.7
2.49	Ransom	22	...	...	...	...
2,404.10	Redland	477	+9	25.0	6.6	27.8
11.90	Roskel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
786.60	Rugby Group	262	+5	6.4	3.1	20.1
6.42	Svrild-Rose	41	...	...	...	...
22.70	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
114.10	Sheffield Insl	175	...	...	3.9	42.9
12.90	Sheriff Hldgs	123	...	...	2.0	19.3
2.47	Shorco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
20.20	Smart (J)	200	-1	8.5	3.2	9.1
11.90	Starmin	3½	+¼	0.3	10.7	...
961.10	Tarmac	131	+4	5.5	5.2	...
34.20	Tay Homes	136	-1	5.8	4.7	10.0
455.40	Taylor Woodrw	109	-2	1.0	1.1	...
195.70	Tilbury Dougls	579	-6	33.0	7.1	18.8
3.76	Torex Hire	37	...	...	1.4	...
233.20	Travis Perkins	219	-4	8.0	4.6	38.6
13.40	Tr. Group	31	...	1.0	4.0	9.8
3.16	Tudor	29	...	...	1.1	...
27.50	Vibroplant	60	-1	2.5	5.3	21.1
23.70	Ward Hldgs	45	+4	...	...	...
0.75	Waterhouse	30	-1	...	...	...
41.70	Watts Blake	441	-16	...	3.4	19.0
2.31	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
69.40	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.5
7.92	West Scaffold	7½	-1	...	...	...
1.13	Wiggins	9 ■	...	...	...	...
306.50	Wilson Bowdn	395	-3	8.7	2.8	27.1
312.70	Wilson (C)	165	+3	3.9	3.0	28.6
625.70	Wimpey G	173	-11	...	3.5	...
4.59	YRM	37	-3	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
657.10	ADT	590	-13	...	...	...
4.77	Adam & Harvey	206 *	+2	12.0	7.3	...
3.76	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
2.91	Airtime Lales	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
175.50	Auto Sec	155 †	-4	...	4.3	22.8
111.70	BET Ord	119	+1½	...	3.4	4.8
2.10	BNB Res	90	-1	4.9	6.8	...
75.90	BPP	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
33.20	Barbour Index	200 †	-½	8.0	5.0	...
22.10	Brunstead	30	...	0.7	4.4	...
57.10	Brit Data Mgt	235	-3	...	2.1	19.6
1.92	Broadcastle	24	+3	...	...	19.1
6.96	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
52.70	CRT Gp	100	-2	2.4	3.0	11.5
97.70	Capita Group	169	-7	...	1.6	26.4
33.20	Caves Plc	41½	-1	...	2.4	15.8
45.50	Chiltern Capital	59½	+½	...	...	...
10.50	Christie	45	+2	...	...	...
969.70	Chubb Sec	311	+3	...	1.9	19.3
7.01	Comaca	78	-1	...	2.4	19.5
7.73	Corp Services	26	-1	...	...	...
11.70	Coutts Cnsltg	49	...	...	...	...
13.20	Dart	87 †	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
229.60	Davis Service	226	+7	...	4.4	17.0
4.89	EW Facs	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
27.66	Gardiner	29½	+½	0.6	...	...
918.90	Hays	228	-4	4.6	2.5	22.4
144.50	Hogg Robinsn	209	-3	...	3.9	15.2
16.70	Holmes Protectn	36	-1	...	...	2.5
5,836.50	Hatch Whamp	168	-9	...	2.8	14.3
464.20	ISS B DKI	1787½	-56½	...	5.9	23
2,772.00	Inchcape	529	+1	...	3.2	18.3
163.10	Johnson Clean	825	-10	25.7	3.9	18.1
78.40	Lep	8½	-¼	...	...	...
23.20	Mike Gp	223	...	2.7	1.5	18.4
691.30	Manpower	929	-20	...	...	...
30.20	Michael Page	50½	+½	1.8	4.5	21.4
8.90	Pentra	190	-7	...	6.6	7.1
2.43	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...
69.90	Proudfoot Alex	113	+13	...	13.3	6.5
36.90	RCO	345	-5	12.8	5.1	11.7
8.57	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
50.20	Reed Executive	98	+1	...	...	...
27.60	Reliance Secs	123	-10	...	4.7	...
1,907.10	Rentokil	196	-5	2.1	1.5	24.4
14.40	Rolfe & Nolan	255	-25	...	3.5	14.4
983.10	Salvesen (C)	341	-6	...	2.9	18.7
1.73	Scott Pickford	20 *	...	...	3.8	...
69.50	Securiguard	390	...	...	4.2	19.0
11.80	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
113.00	Serco Gp	983	-5	14.0	1.8	27.2
13.50	Sherwd Cmpa	221	...	...	4.0	6.5
54.90	Shetchley	94	+1	...	4.0	21.5
74.40	Warner Howrd	314	...	6.5	2.6	16.4
15.60	Welpac	35	+2	...	...	...
32.50	Wills Gp	23½	+½	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
67.10	Allied Colloids	235	-3	...	2.3	20.7
442.00	Amersham	796	-30	...	2.1	27.2
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	-½	...	...	...
5,794.10	BASF DM	£101½	+171½	...	3.2	...
314.40	BTP	300	-3	...	4.5	17.9
7,501.40	Bayer DM50	£115½	+18½	...	4.6	...
69.30	Blagden	149	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
67.50	Brent Chems	100	-1	...	9.3	9.1
131.40	Br Bio-Tech	368	-1	...	...	...
7.44	Cairn Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
36.20	Canning (W)	128	-2	7.2	7.1	14.7
2,093.20	Courtaulds	522	+5	...	3.4	13.9
374.90	Croda	286	-1	...	3.4	19.7
15.00	Doeflex	139	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
173.70	Ellis & Everard	211	+2	7.0	4.3	...
9.45	Euro Colour	31½	+½	0.8	3.2	19.3
92.10	Halstead (J)	309	-4	...	2.4	15.5
379.70	Hickson	219	-3	...	4.6	20.3
6,386.00	Hoechst	£108	-150	...	3.3	...
171.30	Holliday Chem	201	-2	...	2.3	18.5

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4,640.70	ICI	651	+12	...	5.3	...
1,131.40	Laporte	593	-2	19.5	4.1	16.4
125.40	Leigh	196	+6	...	5.2	18.2
11.40	MTM	44	-2	...	...	...
3,491.70	Norsk Hydro	1700	-34½	...	1.7	24.1
109.80	Paterson Zoch	450	+3	11.4	3.2	19.4
92.00	-do- 'A'	400	+2	11.4	3.6	17.5
111.40	Plysu	226	+1	...	3.7	15.3
37.40	Porvair	243	+1	3.6	1.9	26.0
35.70	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	+2	...	...	...
101.80	Wardle Storeys	412	-8	16.0	4.9	16.6
33.70	Wistolme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
157.30	Yorks Chem	345	-10	...	2.8	18.5
202.30	Yule Catto	238	-10	5.9	3.1	14.5
5,792.90	Zeneca	613	-10	...	5.6	36.2

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.40	Alexon	60 †	-2½	...	6.3	...
75.60	Amber Day	65	+1	3.1	6.0	17.8
474.90	Argos Plc	315	+9	...	2.8	26.9
21.10	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
239.60	Ashley (Laura)	102	-2	0.1	0.1	...
231.40	Asprey	290 †	-1	5.1	2.2	30.1
36.70	Austin Reed	120	-1	...	2.6	...
67.30	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	+2	...	5.2	14.6
41.90	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
246.40	Betterware	242	-13	...	1.0	28.0
9.22	Blacks Leis	29	-1	2.2	10.2	...
404.40	Body Shop	216	+3	...	1.0	27.9
92.90	Brown & Jacksn	14½	+1	...	0.7	7.2
275.30	Brown (N)	377	-1	...	2.3	22.1
995.80	Burton	71	-11	...	3.5	...
23.40	Cantors	141	...	...	2.4	18.7
37.60	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
24.30	Clinton Cards	143	-3	4.2	3.7	17.2
1,416.60	Coats Viyella	233	-1	...	3.9	27.4
21.30	Colourvision	105	...	5.6	6.9	...
166.60	Courts Furnish	680	+10	3.5	1.0	...
2.19	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
1,772.70	Dairy Farm Intl	107	-8	...	3.2	17.0
95.10	Dewhirst (I)	75½	+¼	1.0	1.7	24.3
829.20	Dixons Grp	211 †	-10½	...	3.2	...
578.10	Dunhill	340	-27	8.1	3.0	13.2
8.60	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
6.12	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
16.00	Essex Furn	140	...	...	2.5	23.7
164.60	Etam	252	+2	6.9	3.4	23.1
469.80	Fine Art Dev	591	+4	12.7	2.7	19.3
2.17	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
16.50	Forminster	538	...	12.5	2.9	11.3
17.10	French Conn	108	+1	...	...	...
20.20	Gent SR	56	...	2.0	4.5	18.4
12.10	Goldsmiths Gp	55	...	0.3	0.7	...
189.10	GUS	3475	-75	...	1.6	27.2
4,651.70	-do- 'A'	1925	+15	...	2.9	15.0
3.71	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
58.60	Hartstone	56	+10	2.8	6.3	...
27.60	Helene Plc	21	+1½	2.0	10.9	10.9
2.43	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
4.87	Honeysuckle	60	-1	...	2.1	8.5
10.80	Jacques Vert	114	-5	3.0	3.3	...
3,895.80	Kingfisher	604	-18½	...	2.8	19.8
24.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
103.80	Liberty	625	-5	7.2	1.4	73.6
296.00	Lloyds Chem	251	...	5.5	2.7	9.8
773.30	MFI	133	+6	...	3.6	27.4
9,338.90	Marks Spencer	338	+3	...	3.0	18.6
274.10	Menzies (John)	493	-3	...	2.8	12.0
37.60	Moss Bros	225	+4	5.5	3.1	26.4
638.40	Next	173	-4	2.5	1.8	20.7
8.85	Oliver (G)	35	-1	...	...	...
139.10	Ortiame Ind	270	...	...	4.6	...
66.20	Pentos	46	-1	1.5	4.1	9.6
89.20	QS Hldgs	227	-3	5.1	2.9	16.2
86.50	Ratners Group	29½	-1½	...	...	...
15.90	Rhino Grp	31	...	...	...	...
163.50	Sherwood Gp	147	-2	...	2.2	13.2
1,432.60	Sears	95	-½	...	4.6	...
1,196.30	Smith WH 'A'	439	-7	13.4	3.8	15.5
1.97	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
777.40	Storehouse	199	+1	...	3.3	24.4
96.80	T & S Stores	151½	-6½	5.9	4.9	11.3
67.10	Tie Rack	130	...	1.0	1.0	21.3
105.40	Time Products	200	-7	7.5	4.7	17.3
6.85	Usher (Frank)	98	+1	...	6.4	7.7
19.30	Vival	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
2.54	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
334.20	Wickes	109	-6	...	...	48.3
5.61	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
59.50	Wyevale	184	-1	...	2.7	24.3
5.78	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
291.40	ACT Group	158 †	-2	...	4.0	15.9
33.70	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
64.40	Acorn Comput	97	+9	...	...	49.2
47.50	Admiral	440	...	5.4	1.5	18.6
65.30	Alba	141	+3	...	4.4	17.2
9.72	Alphameric	36	-4	...	...	...
18.00	Amstrad	32	+1½	0.4	...	...
14.10	App Holo	68	-1	...	...	...
7.93	Arlen	33	-2	...	...	...
207.80	Astec	67½	...	...	...	1.0
25.10	Beales Hunter	255	-2	9.2	4.5	13.5
6.36	Bennett & Fount	6	...	...	...	...
1,379.80	BICC	393	-11	19.2	6.1	26.6
111.40	Bliks	449	-1	9.2	2.6	17.5
304.20	Borland	1300	-100	...	...	...
547.80	Bowthorpe	332	-2	6.3	2.4	21.7
25,839.70	BT	416½	+8	...	4.8	19.2
5,270.40	BT P/P	172	+4½	...	4.5	20.4
2.86	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	+1½	0.1	1.2	...
47.70	Burnfield	139	-4	5.7	5.2	22.0
6,337.90	Cable Wireless	765 †	+11	...	2.4	24.6
47.70	Chloride	20	+½	...	...	...
44.30	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
15.70	Comptr People	113	-2	0.6	0.7	...
302.50	Cray Elect	149	...	...	1.3	14.9
44.80	Critchley	388	+8	...	2.0	...
780.00	Delta	327	-1	...	3.3	21.7
14.80	Denmans El	340	+1	...	2.2	14.5
109.10	Domino	426 †	-½	7.2	2.1	14.5
86.50	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
65.30	Druck	1020	+5	10.0	1.2	...
861.90	Electrocomponts	412 †	-1	...	3.4	16.8
47.80	El Data Prc	550	-5	5.1	1.2	15.1
27.10	Electron House	105	...	2.6	3.1	...
26.00	Emess	24½	...	0.1	0.5	...
251.20	Eurotherm	562	+1	8.0	1.8	25.4
861.20	FKI	149½	+6½	3.0	2.5	...
578.40	Farnell Elec	432	+3	...	1.8	22.9
7.02	Feedback	83	+12	...	2.3	10.8
93.60	Ferranti	10	-½	...	...	...
36.10	First Tech	243	+29	1.0	0.5	...
19.80	Forward Gp	265	-2	...	1.6	24.0
6.80	Forward Tech	20	-1	...	...	...
9,169.40	GEC	336	-17½	...	3.8	17.1
108.30	Graseby	168	-6	...	8.1	35.3
7.05	Greyhound	8	...	...	...	...
1.35	Hilleare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
6.53	INSTEM	145	-4	...	2.7	10.4
64.60	Jones Stroud	355	-28	8.8	3.1	...
4.57	Kembrey	16	-4	0.1	1.2	...
10.50	Kenwood App	301 †	+2½	5.8	2.4	...
23.50	Kewill Sys	197	-4	...	...	...
17.50	Kode	188	+1	5.5	3.7	22.3
6.12	Laser-Scan	38	...	...	...	...
44.50	LBMS	248	+3	...	0.4	...
16.50	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
234.00	Life Sciences	138	-4	3.5	3.2	15.0
145.80	Logica	237	-8	3.6	1.9	28.0
3.76	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
98.40	MR Data Mngmt	179	+1	4.3	3.0	17.1
152.00	Macro 4	673	+3	...	2.4	22.6
93.20	Memvier-Swa	575	...	...	2.0	18.9
274.20	Micro Focus	1945	+55	...	...	17.9
59.90	Microgen	152 †	-5	7.2	6.0	10.3
17.30	Microvitec	28½	...	...	...	...
193.40	Misys	498	+1	6.1	1.5	22.8
302.60	Mitel	383	-54	...	...	...
12.80	MMT Comp	121	...	...	3.6	15.4
6.13	Molynx	32½	-½	1.3	5.0	...
37.80	Multi Ins	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
16.90	Multitone Elec	112 †	-5	3.5	3.9	...
17.70	Murray Enter	185	+7	1.8	1.3	...
12,418.60	NYNEX	6012½	-125	...	...	...
34.70	Neutronics	135 †	-2	2.6	2.4	17.4
2.83	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
13.00	Northair	187	-30	...	1.0	...
9.60	Northamber	54	-4	0.6	1.4	...
15.90	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
129.40	Oxford Inst	266	+7	4.5	2.1	18.2
15.80	P-E Internt'l	72	-1	1.0	1.7	...
26.00	P & P	66	-3	1.4	2.7	34.1
80.50	Peek	73	...	3.4	6.1	18.3
10.80	Pegasus	167	...	...	4.8	42.9
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
3,333.00	-do- Lmp nv	1085½	-25	...	...	...
87.30	Phonelink	246	+1	...	...	...
22.80	Pifco	493	+16	7.7	2.0	41.8
16.20	-do- 'A' Voting	498	+16	7.7	2.1	39.7
3.39	Plasmec	73	+2	...	6.4	6.2
26.30	Pressac	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
23.80	Psion	108	...	...	2.9	28.7
642.40	Racal Elect	230	+13	4.2	2.3	13.7
11.10	Radamec	60	-5	...	3.1	12.8
15.30	Radius	56	-2	...	6.0	19.3
5.25	Real Time	75	...	...	5.2	...
7.54	Riva	29	-1	...	...	36.8
86.50	Sage Gp	422	-73	9.0	2.7	13.5
27.90	Sanderson Elec	313	-3	9.0	3.6	13.3
28.80	Scantronic	76	+6	3.1	5.3	...
55.00	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
324.90	Serna Gp	397	-7	2.8	1.0	29.0
11.40	Silvermines	35	+6	...	3.9	...
4.70	Soundtracks	47 †	+2	...	5.9	15.9
3,221.70	TDK	2450	-103½	...	1.2	30.0
1.03	TDS Circuits	11½	+1½	...	...	...
129.40	Telemetrix	143	...	0.8	0.7	23.6
3,932.30	THORN EMI	937	-17	...	4.4	18.7
12.90	Thorpe FW	100	-2	2.5	3.1	10.3
6.51	Total Systems	65	...	3.0	5.9	11.5
20.10	Tunstall	438	...	6.0	1.7	17.5
169.40	Unitech	248	+4	5.8	2.9	43.4
7.06	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35.80	Vistec	29½	...	...	1.6	...
4,426.40	Vodafone	440	-4	...	2.0	19.9
116.20	Volex	440	+5	17.8	5.2	17.6
3.61	Western Selecon	24	...	...	...	...
36.10	Wholesale Figs	254	+1	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,012.10	East Midlands	464 †	+23	...	5.3	9.7
1,320.30	Eastern Elect	487 †	+20	...	4.9	9.7
1,317.50	Hydro-Elect	344	+7	...	4.2	12.2
1,077.40	London Elect	494 †	+26	...	4.9	11.0
627.30	Manweb	528 †	+18	...	5.0	7.6
1,060.10	Midlands Elec	506 †	+16½	...	4.9	9.1
645.00	Northern Elec	524 †	+25	...	5.1	7.6
923.90	Norweb	535	+25	20.0	4.8	8.1
2,632.40	Scottish Power	323	+9½	...	4.4	11.7
670.10	Seeboard	526	+8	...	4.8	8.5
552.70	Sth Wales	544 †	+17½	...	5.1	9.1
604.40	Sth Western	491 †	+22	...	5.1	11.8
1,336.00	Southern Elec	495 †	+26	...	4.9	9.1
1,080.00	Yorkshire Elec	521 †	+21½	...	4.9	9.7
4,532.60	National Powr	354	+5	...	3.7	10.8
2,951.90	PowerGen	377	+2½	...	3.5	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.30	Aitken Hume	90	...	0.5	...	31.9
19.70	BWD	104 *	+1½	...	3.8	16.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.90	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
405.90	Caledonia	489	-10	...	3.6	18.2
35.00	Camellia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
63.10	Candover	283	...	10.2	4.5	20.0
38.40	Flextech	112	+4	...	0.6	...
234.90	Govett	287	+11	...	5.3	9.0
43.80	Ivory Sime	151	-1	...	5.4	14.0
2.01	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 ■	...	...	...	...
214.00	Lon Forfaiting	214	+2	8.4	5.0	15.2
12.40	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
8.01	Nat Home Loan	7½	-½	...	...	...
17.80	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
53.90	Rathbone Bro	284	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
56.50	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
28.90	S & U	270	-5	10.0	4.6	...
127.90	Singer & Fried	60½	-½	2.6	4.9	...
157.80	Sotheby's	788	-50	...	4.8	...
366.40	3/P Capital	135	-7	3.0	2.8	35.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,346.70	Amer Express	2150 †	-25	...	5.9	20.5
190.00	Henderson Ad	888	-7	...	2.7	75.6
345.00	Investco	141	-2	...	3.5	10.2
1,955.60	Jardine Strat	207	-12	...	3.5	10.2
686.00	MAI	212	...	6.0	3.5	15.4
1,015.50	MAM	540	-8	15.0	3.5	13.5
618.10	M & G	823	-4	...	3.3	21.9
129.50	Smith New Ct	257 †	-18	...	2.0	3.9
41.70	Trio Hldgs	75	+2	...	5.0	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,051.90	AB Food	457 †	-6½	14.0	3.8	10.5
1,775.30	ASDA Group	61¼	+2	...	3.3	14.0
89.10	Acatos & Hutch	270	+15	6.5	3.0	15.6
381.00	Albert Fisher	63	-1	3.7	7.4	10.5
3,259.20	Argyll	291	-17	...	4.7	10.7
21.80	Assoc Fisheries	124	...	8.0	8.1	...
16.70	Banks (S C)	198	-7	8.2	5.2	9.9
62.40	Barr (AG)	330 †	-6½	6.5	2.5	16.7
13.30	Bensons Crisp	73	+1	...	4.9	16.4
128.10	Beresford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
837.30	Booker	394	-4	...	6.0	40.5
27.70	Borthwick	48	-½	...	3.1	59.6
252.00	Brake Bros	499	-3	6.2	1.6	20.8
74.80	Budgen	46	+2	1.0	2.8	...
3,292.90	Cadbury-Schw	442	+2	...	3.7	16.4
7.28	Carrs Milling	107	+2	3.9	4.6	21.4
21.20	Cranswick	157 †	-1	...	6.4	11.8
4.45	Culleus	17 †	...	0.5	3.7	...
18.70	Dalepak	161	-24	6.0	4.8	...
1,000.30	Dalgety	439	-9	19.5	5.6	12.8
4.49	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
261.90	Devro	194	+3	...	3.5	18.4
25.40	Everest	101	+2	...	4.3	14.0
75.20	Farepak	335 †	+39	...	2.1	...
1.89	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
67.80	Finlay (James)	68	-3	...	7.6	22.6
279.90	Fyffes	100 †	-2½	...	1.6	16.6
250.90	Geest	380	-10	8.1	2.9	15.8
12.10	Global	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
17.40	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	...
441.80	Hazlewood Fds	191	-1	...	4.3	10.8
956.50	Hillsdown	139	-3	...	7.9	10.9
587.80	Iceland Group	207	-8	...	2.0	19.5
42.70	JLI Group	103	-3	4.6	5.6	...
1,022.10	Kwik Save	662	-19	16.0	3.0	12.7
94.50	Low (Wm)	177	-3	8.4	5.9	8.6
70.70	Matthews (B)	57	...	2.2	4.9	37.3
14.00	Merchant Retail	15½	-½	1.1	9.3	30.2
956.20	Morrison (W)	134	...	...	0.7	17.4
82.60	Nichols (JN)	523	-10	13.6	3.3	15.1
1,458.60	Nthn Foods	258	-2	...	4.1	12.7
5.42	Nthmbrn Fin	15	...	...	...	6.3
261.20	Nurdin Peack	207	-2	...	3.7	11.9
118.70	Park Foods	227	-6	6.0	3.4	...
46.60	Perkins Food	79	-2	...	7.0	8.6
41.80	PizzaExpress	79	...	...	0.8	45.4
6.54	Regina Hlth	4½	...	...	...	...
8,136.10	Sainsbury J	458	-16	...	2.7	16.1
2.92	Senny Farm	68	+7	...	2.8	12.2
35.90	Sims Food	121 †	+½	...	7.7	23.3
1,374.70	Tate & Lyle	384	...	12.0	3.9	12.1
3,965.00	Tesco	202½	+2½	...	4.4	9.4
90.50	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
14.60	Treats	157	-8	...	3.0	17.3
797.20	Unigate	342	...	...	5.9	11.2
1,875.00	Utd Biscuits	358½	-8½	...	5.3	18.5
13.10	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	13.3
106.30	Watson & Phil	274	-14	13.3	6.1	14.3

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.44	Abbotn Stk Ho	12	...	...	...	...
158.40	City Centre Rest	83	-1	1.5	2.4	20.0
1,871.90	Forte	221	-1	...	4.2	17.3
22.80	Friendly Hotels	196	-2	5.7	3.6	37.4
4.99	Harmony Leis	7½	...	...	...	...
27.70	Jurys Hotel	104½	-1	...	6.7	...
2,048.10	Ladbroke	179½	-7½	11.1	7.8	15.3
455.00	Mandarin Orntl	67	-1	...	4.7	18.0
439.00	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	8.3
160.50	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 ■	...	7.5	11.0	...
3.60	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 ■	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.50	Ryan Hotels E	17½	-½	...	6.3	...
241.70	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
203.50	Stakis	56	+5	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23.00	AAF Inds	100	-10	...	11.0	6.1
400.40	AAH	455	-21	...	4.8	14.6
24.40	AIM	175	...	7.5	5.5	...
273.40	APV	93	-2	...	7.3	...
137.10	ASW	205	+5	...	3.7	...
111.00	Adwest	171	-5	7.0	5.1	24.3
9.30	Aerospace Eng	24½	+1½	3.0	...	14.9
56.60	Alesprung	480	-1	9.0	2.3	...
48.80	Alenda W	145	+1	3.8	3.3	40.1
3.69	Allied Radio	7½	-½	...	...	...
80.10	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
22.50	Alvis	41	-1	1.0	3.0	8.4
18.60	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
2.40	Amberley Gp	40	+2	...	3.2	...
36.70	Abagen	79	-9	...	...	...
18.00	Andrews Sykes	112	-3	...	5.0	...
276.90	Antofagasta	925	+120	...	2.2	17.1
12.00	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
39.40	Ash & Lacy	151	-2	8.4	5.3	15.4
8.54	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	...
130.40	Avon Rubber	494	+8	...	4.2	19.7
24.80	Assoc Nursg	225 †	+7	...	0.6	13.8
67.80	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
5.30	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
162.90	BBA	164	-3	...	5.7	13.9
3.05	BLP Group	46	-4	...	...	...
18.80	BM Gp	17	-2	5.0	...	0.7
3,135.00	BOC	660	+20	23.2	4.4	14.5
172.70	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
110.30	BSS Group	426	-4	...	5.1	25.5
12,508.10	BTR	370½	+7½	...	3.6	23.2
75.40	BWI	158	-8	6.7	5.3	15.2
196.20	Babcock	36½	+¼	...	7.2	21.8
3.30	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
271.10	Baird (Wm)	241	-6½	8.9	4.6	16.7
1,250.10	Barlow Rand	637½	-12½	...	5.4	3.6
82.80	Raynes (Charles)	60	-1	...	3.0	24.6
6.12	Beauford	7½	-½	...	...	...
5.29	Beckenham	6	-1	...	...	...
1.28	Bedford (W)	5½	...	...	...	...
22.10	Benson Group	17	...	0.1	0.7	15.7
129.50	Bespak	514 †	-8	10.0	2.4	...
118.90	Bibby (J)	76	+3	9.7	...	4.5
4.21	Billam (J)	260	-3	5.0	2.4	13.1
2.70	Bilston Bursen	32	...	...	...	...
5.79	Bimec Ind	5½	+½	0.6	...	...
32.80	Birkby	153 †	-12	...	2.9	...
10.40	Black Arrow	42	...	2.6	8.0	...
6.09	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
94.50	Black (Peter)	173	-2	3.9	2.1	17.8
23.30	Bluebird Toys	300	-9	...	1.9	18.7
160.10	Bodycote	279	...	...	2.2	17.8
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	+2	0.3	1.6	...
4,484.20	Boots	432	+10	...	3.9	16.0
1.92	Booth Inds	48	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,260.90	Bowater	454	+8	11.5	3.2	17.9
467.40	Bowater Inc	1290 †	-95	...	...	...
53.90	Bowmore Ind	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
11.30	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.5	...
106.80	Brammer	250	...	13.0	6.5	22.6
6.31	Bridgend Gp	21½	-½	0.4	2.3	...
58.40	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
8.21	Bridport-Gndry	92	+9	4.1	6.3	15.4
1,127.80	Brierley Inv	40	-1	...	7.9	9.8
39.00	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
2.01	Br Bloodstock	53	...	...	...	...
151.70	Br Polythene	500	-1	...	2.5	19.2
2,160.00	Br Steel	108	+6½	...	1.2	...
59.40	Br Sypnon	175	+50	...	3.3	31.6
14.60	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	3.2	...
303.80	Br Vita	235	-1	7.1	3.6	14.5
18.80	Brixton Grp	14.8	...	0.1	0.2	...
11,017.20	Broken Hill	665	-1	...	2.3	31.5
20.10	Bromsgrove Ind	102 †	+1	4.4	5.4	...
3.17	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
16.50	Brown & Tawse	52	-2	...	...	...
133.10	Bullough	111	-9	6.0	6.9	14.7
3.73	Business Tech	18	+2	...	...	...
19.40	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
1.66	Campbell & Arm	11½	-2½	...	...	...
29.20	Cannon St	28½	-1½	...	...	...
127.40	Cape	240	+2	...	3.5	16.2
146.00	Carclo Eng	243 †	+1½	8.6	4.4	17.3
1,986.20	Carrand Md	2463	-25	...	2.6	...
3.93	Cassidy Bros	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
41.80	Castings	198	-5	4.3	2.7	14.0
9.87	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
686.90	Charter Cons	648	-1	...	4.3	49
56.40	Chemring	294	...	...	3.6	17.1
4.25	Chieftain Gp	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
8.53	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
283.00	Christies Int	177	-8	...	1.1	80.0
9.69	Claytrine	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
1.97	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers	7 ■	...	0.2	...	...
6.22	Cohen (A)	335	...	6.8	2.5	...
41.90	Community H	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
115.80	Concentric	214	-2	...	3.3	13.0
43.50	Cook (Wm)	207	+1	5.0	3.2	...
1,153.20	Cookson	226	-2	...	3.6	22.3
6.53	Copymore	63	...	...	2.0	19.2
52.90	Cornwll Pkr 'A'	131	-2	5.7	5.4	11.2
12.50	Cosalt	108 †	+9	10.7	...	16.4
7.56	Creighton Ma	165 †	-5	...	5.5	16.1
35.00	CrestaCare	42	-1	0.5	1.5	36.7
1,681.90	Dana	3662½	-50	...	...	...
354.20	Danka Bs Sys	216	-16	...	0.7	20.5
372.10	Laird	318	+4	...	4.1	15.7
62.40	Lee (Arthur)	185	...	...	4.0	78.6
27.50	Lilleshall	150	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
9.71	Lincat	142	...	...	4.5	12.3
2.66	Lincoln Hse	16½	...	...	...	13.6
13.80	Linread	115	-2	3.7	4.1	17.8
26.90	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	8.8	...
25.50	Llanheim	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
6.75	Locker (T) A	2½	+4	1.0	5.6	32.7
324.80	Lon Intl	193	+1	9.4	6.1	...
965.90	Lonrho	126	-5½	...	4.0	...
350.40	Low & Bonar	359	+11	...	3.2	49.9
1,230.10	MB-Caradon	268	-9	...	4.0	20.8
248.40	-do- pf	138	-1½	7.2	6.6	...
42.80	ML Hldgs	28½	...	...	...	...
10.60	MS Intl	39	-2	2.5	8.3	...
18.30	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	15.4
145.20	Macfarlane	192	+2	...	2.1	21.7
397.50	McKechnie	434	+2	14.7	4.2	21.5
57.50	McLeod Russel	95	+3	6.0	7.9	11.6
15.60	Maddox	3½	-½	...	...	19.1
4.88	Magnolia	85	+1	0.1	0.1	13.7
15.20	Mang Bronze	92	-2	1.0	1.4	...
37.10	Marling	23	+2½	...	3.6	...
33.00	Mayborn	166	...	...	3.8	13.9
107.00	Mayflower	55	...	...	2.8	45.9
393.40	Medeva	107½	-10½	...	2.6	8.7
23.00	Meggitt	108	+7	...	4.4	18.4
89.80	Metair	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
11.70	Meteca	76	...	...	...	...
34.40	Midstates	71	-6	...	1.3	9.9
7.54	Mining & Ald	27½	+½	0.5	2.7	...
141.40	Molins	456	+3	...	3.8	11.8
606.80	Morgan Cble	280	-10	...	5.6	14.9
14.30	Morris Ashby	175 †	+2½	...	3.9	...
6.74	Neepsend	28	+6	0.7	3.4	...
40.40	Nestor-BNA	54	+2	3.1	7.3	12.0
22.30	Nobo Gp	103	-8	4.8	3.3	...
267.30	Nortros	153	-1	...	5.7	22.4
29.00	Novo Group	46	-1	1.3	3.6	...
147.30	Nu-Swift	337	+3	...	...	...
3.06	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
13.10	OMI Intl	29½	-½	1.7	7.7	...
9.55	PCT	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
1.89	Pacer Systems	36	-2	...	10.2	...
367.50	Pentland	102	-3	...	3.1	13.9
222.20	Photo-Me	374	...	4.4	1.5	19.1
1,057.90	Pilkington	132	-1	...	3.8	...
57.10	Plantsbrook	69	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
199.90	Polypipe	128	-5	1.9	1.9	18.5
31.10	Porter Chadbrn	37	-2	1.2	4.8	...
1.63	Porth Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
393.10	Powerscreen	340	+1	...	2.4	17.7
30.30	Prospect Inds	17½	+½	0.7	5.5	8.5
6.10	RPS Group	51	...	...	5.4	11.3
1.14	Radiant Metal	84	-6	...	...	...
22.00	Ramco Oil	125	-4	...	1.0	41.9
2,169.20	Rank Org	702 †	-6	31.0	5.5	19.2
14.30	Ransomes	35	...	...	...	...
2,066.30	Reckitt Colm	551	+3	...	3.7	20.0
24.30	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
5.79	Reece	4½	-½	...	...	...
40.30	Relyon	192	...	4.9	3.2	23.0
123.20	Renishaw	253	-22	6.5	3.2	19.4
54.00	Renold	82	+2	...	1.5	...
6,177.60	Rentrs	1404	+25	21.2	1.9	23.2
6.58	Rexmore	37½	...	1.2	5.8	9.2
36.80	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
5.53	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	6.3	...
20.00	Richardson West	76	-2	3.0	4.9	19.5
7.72	Ropner	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
17.80	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
26.70	Ress Gp	26	-1	0.6	3.1	10.6
12.00	Rotork	159	-3	...	2.9	21.0
36.70	Rubicon	167	-2	...	3.4	...
14.10	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
15.40	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
565.70	SKF 'B'	887½	...	...	...	...
44.50	Saville Grdn (I)	44½	...	2.2	6.2	17.6
474.60	Scapa	209	-6½	...	3.4	15.9
140.40	Scholl	209	-3	...	3.8	15.2
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
40.20	Securicor	990	-3	2.6	0.3	37.3
321.00	-do- 'A'	985	-2	2.6	0.5	24.5
591.90	Security Serv	940	-5	5.0	1.2	28.6
266.60	Senior Eng	111	+1	...	3.5	18.5
84.40	Seton Health	290	-25	...	2.5	17.1
135.20	Hogg Gp	210	-4	8.1	4.9	19.0
233.80	JIB Group	212	...	7.5	4.4	21.5
2,293.60	Legal & Gen	470	-27	...	5.1	28.6
2,236.40	Liberty Life	976	-7	...	3.0	16.9
2,771.00	Lloyds Abbey	412	-27	17.3	5.2	14.8
204.20	Lloyd Thomp	318	+1	5.6	2.2	23.4
398.10	Londn & Man	332	-12	14.2	5.4	24.5
115.50	Lowndes Lmb	411	+1	13.5	4.2	14.4
4,162.30	Marsh McLn	5675	-87½	...	3.0	...
12.70	Oriel	89	...	...	7.0	...
20.70	PWS	65	+2	4.0	7.6	9.6
5,831.00	Prudential	309½	-32½	...	4.8	20.6
488.30	Refuge	950	-78	31.5	4.1	26.3
2,096.30	Royal	323	+1	...	2.5	...
847.80	Sedgwick	198	+4	6.0	3.8	23.9
118.40	Steel Burrill	253	...	...	6.5	14.9
31.40	Sturge Hldgs	62 †	+1	8.2	...	6.3
3,010.20	Sun Alliance	374	-4	14.2	4.8	...
102.30	Trade Indemnty	56	-1	...	...	...
913.70	Transatlantic	312	+22	12.0	4.8	28.9
522.50	Utd Friendly	638	-77	14.5	2.8	27.8
892.80	Willis Corroon	214	+3	...	3.9	46.0
4.96	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
841.70	Alliance	1670	-3	45.0	3.4	36.5
205.60	Amer Trust	247	...	4.9	2.5	51.3
407.70	Ang & O'seas	357	-3	6.8	2.4	45.3
65.60	B2W Conv	130	-1½	7.8	7.5	15.2
250.20	Bankers	161⅛	+1	3.4	2.7	44.4
145.70	Baring Tribune	284	...	6.4	2.9	44.6
9.05	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.6
391.70	Br Assets	102	+1½	...	5.2	25.0
97.10	Br Empire Sec	73	-½	0.8	1.5	74.1
3.19	-do- Wnts	24	...	...	...	...
521.00	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	37.6
35.80	Contl Asset	165	...	2.4	1.8	54.9
18.10	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
38.30	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
8.89	Drayton Blue	64	...	8.4	16.4	7.1
28.90	-do- Eng Intl	70	...	1.2	2.1	...
136.40	-do- Far East	118	-3	0.6	0.7	...
26.90	-do- Korea	117	-2	0.5	0.6	...
187.30	Dunedin Inc G	591	+5	25.4	5.4	27.2
204.20	-do- Wwde	610	...	9.5	1.9	62.8
44.90	Dundee & Lon	282	...	...	4.2	24.6
799.10	Edinburgh	272	...	8.4	3.9	29.8
446.30	Elecra Inv	258	+1	6.7	3.2	35.2
156.40	Electric Gen	173	+5	3.1	2.3	...
1.49	English Scot	99	+1	...	...	...
64.60	European Asset	259	...	...	2.9	31.6
25.20	Finsbury 'A'	108	...	3.0	3.6	33.8
177.40	Fleming Amer	268 †	-2	0.7	0.3	...
107.70	-do- Claver	202	...	...	3.3	39.8
175.00	Do Contl	268	+1	2.7	1.3	...
72.80	-do- Enp	182	...	4.7	3.3	...
429.40	-do- F East	284	-8	1.1	0.5	...
37.60	-do- Fledg	298½	...	3.0	1.3	...
26.60	-do- Hi Inc	93 †	-2	...	5.9	15.9
264.00	-do- Japan	220	-7	0.3	0.2	...
372.80	-do- Merc	258	-1	6.7	3.2	35.2
341.30	-do- O'seas	257	+2	4.0	1.9	61.3
1,219.20	Foreign & Col	232	+1	3.3	1.8	63.2
112.70	-do- Eurotst	191	-1	1.2	0.8	...
42.40	-do- German	108	+1	0.5	0.6	...
282.90	-do- Pacific	275	-4	1.9	0.9	...
135.10	-do- Smaller	151½	+1½	1.8	1.5	76.6
141.60	GT Japan	227	-6	...	0.6	...
22.60	Genl Cons Cap	125	-4	...	...	...
39.80	-do- Inc	110	...	...	10.0	11.0
32.20	Govett Am Smlr	129	+3	...	...	...
495.20	-do- Oriental	270	-2½	0.9	0.4	...
240.60	-do- Strategy	245	-7	...	3.4	33.8
43.10	Greenfriar	375	...	...	2.1	56.0
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
49.80	Independent Inv	53½	...	0.5	1.2	...
322.80	Inv Cap	139½	...	5.1	4.9	26.0
27.30	IRS UK Smllr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
142.60	Kleinwort Chrt	176	...	5.0	3.6	34.3
166.00	-do- O'seas	207	-1	3.3	2.0	59.8
17.10	-do- Smlr	122	-2	4.0	4.1	29.6
137.60	Law Debenture	606	+2	18.2	3.8	30.3
91.30	Majedie	174	-1	...	3.4	33.7
242.50	Merchants	237 †	+2½	10.6	5.6	22.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.94	Davies (DT)	16	...	...	...	...
1,346.10	De La Rue	649	+6	...	3.3	17.2
2.91	Dinkie Heel	22	+1	0.9	5.4	17.5
280.20	Diploma	503	+3	9.7	2.4	26.2
66.90	Dobson Park	71	-1	5.7	...	12.8
1.80	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	15.7
8.92	-do- 'A'	74	-1	5.0	8.4	10.6
6.09	EFG	13	...	...	...	...
175.10	EIS	391	...	...	3.9	15.7
3.17	Elbief	25	+2	...	...	...
7.25	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
1,464.10	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	+57½	...	2.8	...
14.90	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
1,265.80	Eng China Cl	420	+11	...	6.0	23.1
5,512.80	Ericsson 'B'	2937½	-240½	...	1.0	...
42.00	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	9.3
21.80	Eurocopy	45 †	+½	1.6	...	17.5
41.00	Expamet	65	+1	3.2	6.2	...
247.00	Fairey Group	164	-3	10.2	1.9	20.5
34.90	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
5.47	Ferraris Group	56	-2	...	2.2	13.1
2.04	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
6.47	Ferrum	26	-1	2.5	12.0	18.2
4.73	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
1,119.60	Fisons	162	-6	...	6.7	18.8
48.00	Fitzwilton	41	...	...	12.3	...
58.80	Flogas	240	...	...	4.3	9.9
11.70	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
8.38	French (Thomas)	70 †	-½	3.6	6.5	35.1
116.20	Frost Group	198	-2	4.0	2.5	8.3
27.20	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
1,263.50	GKN	473	+21	...	5.4	31.5
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
3.50	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
210.20	Gestetner	113 †	+4	8.2	9.1	4.9
3.82	Glevs	28	+2	...	...	20.3
16,246.20	Glaxo	536	-2½	17.0	4.0	14.8
8.09	Glenchewton	31	+3½	...	...	...
547.40	Glynwed	280	-5	11.6	5.0	27.3
45.50	Goode Durrant	86	-2	5.4	7.8	16.2
86.40	Grampian Hd	125	-1	5.5	5.5	21.7
1,834.60	Granada	392 †	-8	7.7	2.5	20.9
46.60	Great Sthrn	395	...	...	3.5	16.2
7.24	Green (Ernst)	90	-6	...	9.7	12.4
34.20	Greenacre	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
2.09	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
47.40	Haden MacLn	54	...	...	4.6	19.5
5.65	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
65.10	Hall Eng	223	-2	8.6	4.8	18.6
379.70	Halma	259	+8	...	1.3	26.1
23.20	Hampson Ind	38 †	-2	1.6	5.3	...
11,050.90	Hanson	228½	-9½	...	6.3	11.7
23.60	Harris (Philip)	211	...	6.8	4.1	...
1,251.40	Harrison Crsfld	180	-5	9.0	6.3	26.0
17.60	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
6.00	Hay (Norman)	40	+2	...	...	...
4.35	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
741.60	Hepworth	380	+1	14.8	5.2	15.5
11.90	Hewitt (J)	210	-1	3.0	1.8	16.4
1.69	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
45.90	Hill & Smith	154	+11	...	4.6	21.1
7.30	Hobson	9	-½	...	...	...
4.12	Holders Tech	132	+4	...	5.8	17.0
36.70	Hopkinsons	47	+4	1.3	3.5	19.4
10.80	Hornby	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
3.99	Hospital Crp	5	-2	...	20.0	1.4
212.90	Howden	76	...	2.2	3.7	...
237.40	Hunting	247	+24	...	5.1	20.8
109.20	Huntleigh Tech	420	+7	...	3.0	10.7
878.90	IMI	271	-3	...	4.6	23.2
42.70	ISA Intl	110	-1	1.5	1.7	17.1
42.60	Intercare Gp	167 †	-5½	...	1.9	17.7
30.10	Isotron	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
3,228.00	Jardine Math	457	-32	...	2.6	17.7
895.20	Johnson Mathh	462	+4	...	2.8	19.0
68.80	Johnson & FB	49	-2½	3.0	7.7	15.1
16.40	Johnston	157	-1	3.2	2.6	...
2.68	Jones Shipman	22	...	...	...	...
5.49	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
13.50	Kalamazoo	73	+5	2.1	3.7	...
205.20	Kalon	155	-1	...	2.6	21.5
7.99	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
182.50	Kenfaw (A)	525 †	-1	27.0	6.4	27.2
21.80	Klenene	157	+1	...	...	...
6.36	LGW	143	+2	3.0	2.6	11.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.26	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	2.9	13.7
7.33	Shiloh	127	...	...	...	...
110.30	Sidlaw	318	-3	10.0	3.9	14.8
1,877.90	Siebe	484	-2	...	2.6	17.8
156.70	Silentnight	332	+1	...	3.0	19.5
1,754.70	Sime Darby	112	...	...	3.7	13.8
48.30	Simon Eng	48	+5	5.0	13.0	11.0
42.30	Sinclair (Wm)	191	...	7.0	4.5	12.5
19.00	Six Hundred	37	...	...	5.9	...
1,454.90	Smith & Neph	141¼	+1½	...	4.1	18.9
5,942.10	SmithKline	435	+20	8.6	2.5	15.6
5,069.70	Smithkline Uts	387	-19	...	3.4	13.9
1,049.50	Smiths Ind	363	-6	11.2	4.0	14.4
60.90	Sthn Bus	63	...	3.3	6.7	6.0
42.40	Spandex	395	-1	...	2.1	17.6
26.80	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
259.70	Spirax-Sarco	343	-1	...	3.4	21.7
199.60	Spring Ram	54	+4	...	0.8	14.8
273.40	Staveley	240	+3	...	4.4	13.6
41.20	Sterling Ind	147	...	...	4.8	22.5
139.80	Stonehill	25	...	...	...	...
184.20	Suter	169	+1	8.8	6.5	17.7
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	312	-22	...	2.8	...
5.19	Sycamore	4	-1½	...	...	...
3.83	Sykes-Pick	65	...	...	7.9	12.1
22.20	Syltone	272	...	9.4	4.3	...
1,595.80	TI	331	-2	...	4.0	18.3
3.84	TLS Range	17	+1	...	1.8	...
230.50	TT Group	287	...	6.6	3.0	17.1
211.90	Talare	257	-8	1.8	0.9	19.7
7,001.20	Takeda Chem	801	-27	...	0.6	21.2
3.59	Tex Hldgs	54	+1	...	...	...
6.99	Tinsley (E)	97	-10	...	7.3	...
24.00	Thon	213	+8	...	2.1	18.5
2,436.20	Tomkins	218½	-1	...	3.7	19.3
1,075.40	Trafalgar H	101	-1	...	4.0	7.4
101.00	Transtec Tech	529	+1	16.0	3.8	13.3
112.90	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.1	...
325.00	UniChem	233	-5	5.6	3.0	15.3
65.40	Unidare	340	+5	...	6.3	80.1
21.30	Unigroup	71	+15	...	...	...
7,719.30	Unilever	953	-6	21.3	2.8	13.0
10,401.40	Unilever (NV)	6475	-203½	...	3.4	10.2
335.90	VSEL	908	+55	...	4.0	9.7
12.20	Vesson	6½	+½	...	...	...
489.50	Vickers	149	+2	...	1.3	...
110.00	Victaulic	250	-1	...	3.9	12.3
157.90	Vinten	387	+5	...	3.3	18.0
193.70	Vosper Thorny	627	+23	...	3.1	15.2
4.88	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.9	12.0
167.00	Wagon Ind	377	-9	...	5.9	16.1
74.60	Walker Greenbk	78	...	3.1	3.0	19.9
354.00	Wassall	232	-4	2.5	1.3	23.4
241.00	Wedgwood	34	...	...	...	...
515.60	Weir	332	+1	...	2.2	18.7
5,518.70	Wellcome	638	+4	13.0	2.5	17.6
6.91	Wellman	21½	...	0.9	5.2	35.1
149.90	West Elshcare	294	-1	...	1.6	18.9
113.50	Whatman	498	-7	9.5	2.4	16.9
90.20	Whessoe	310	-23	...	3.2	12.0
26.20	Whitecroft	60	+1	...	...	...
4.40	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
15.20	Wilkes (James)	86	+1	3.5	5.1	25.2
1,504.50	Williams Hldg	309	-10	12.5	5.1	16.2
26.70	Wilshaw	33	+2	0.5	1.9	...
1,531.30	Wolseley	615	+6	12.5	2.6	21.3
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
13.40	Wyko	41	+1	1.0	3.1	...
9.28	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
659.00	Alex & Alex	1725	-75	...	3.6	...
4,403.00	Am Gen	2037½	-68½	...	3.4	...
9.63	Archer (A)	38	-1	4.4	...	16.5
73.70	Bradstock	138	-1	5.1	4.7	16.8
821.70	Britannic	435	-33	...	3.2	...
3,270.30	Com Union	609	-11	...	5.0	...
105.90	Dom & Gen	1558	-5	...	1.4	25.7
70.40	FAI	29	-1	...	...	...
2,854.80	Gen Accident	633	+17	26.7	5.3	...
1,673.30	GRE	193	-10	7.0	4.5	16.0
226.10	Heath C E	350	-1	...	5.7	...

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,581.40	Merrill Lynch	5431½	-208½	...	1.9	54.9
336.00	Monks Inv Tst	433	+1	...	4.7	24.2
28.80	Morg Gren Inc	122	+1	...	...	...
1.71	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
13.20	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
0.69	Do Wts	11½	+1	...	...	...
259.80	Murray Income	310	...	...	4.3	29.9
381.80	-do- Intl	301	+3	11.4	4.7	27.1
182.30	-do- Small	329	+2	4.0	1.5	70.1
5.32	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
4.02	-do- S/C Cap	102	+1	...	...	...
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	3980	...	...	4.5	...
8.66	-do- S/C DP	145	+½	...	...	...
68.20	-do- Vent	276	+3	...	4.7	21.8
80.00	New Frontier	60	-½	0.2	0.4	...
29.70	Nwthrog Inc	76	...	6.7	11.1	14.3
113.50	O'seas Inv Tst	298	-3	2.8	1.2	...
72.70	Pacific Assets	367	-3	1.1	0.4	...
10.30	Do Warrants	289	-4	...	...	...
12.30	Personal Assets	8125	-25	...	2.5	48.5
278.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	195	+2	1.1	0.9	...
22.70	River & Merc	113	+1	9.2	10.4	11.0
	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
89.40	St Andrew Inv	260	...	7.5	3.6	34.9
324.20	Scot American	145	...	...	4.0	30.4
40.10	Scot Asian	191	-5	...	...	...
2.87	do Warrants	410	-5	...	...	...
453.00	-do- Eastern	77½	+½	1.5	2.7	47.0
506.30	Scottish	199	-3	4.6	2.9	41.3
699.80	-do- Mage	194	+1	4.0	2.6	50.3
42.30	-do- Value	88	+1	...	2.6	62.7
282.00	Second Allnce	1469	-11	36.5	3.1	39.5
258.60	Secs Tst of Scot	80½	-1	3.2	5.0	28.7
49.50	Selective Asset	140	+3	1.2	1.1	93.3
30.90	Sphere Inv	254	+1	3.1	15.2	8.2
64.90	TR Far East	139½	-½	4.5	4.0	30.6
262.90	TR City Of Lon	137½	-1	4.7	4.3	28.9
93.10	TR Pacific	139	-2	0.3	0.3	...
74.70	TR Property	26½	-½	0.8	4.3	27.5
30.40	TR Tech Inv	60 †	+½	1.7	3.2	25.6
330.10	TR Smlr Cos	174	-2	3.7	2.7	51.0
175.90	Temple Bar	307	-1	13.2	5.4	21.2
85.00	Thrmtn Asian E	85	-1	0.5	0.7	...
209.80	Throgmorton	69	...	2.3	4.2	27.8
16.70	Throg Dual Cp	478	+5	...	...	...
76.10	USDC Invest	208	...	4.5	2.7	38.3
43.50	Value Inc Tst	102½	-½	3.6	4.4	25.8
379.90	Whitbread Inv	602	-7	16.5	3.4	36.2
735.60	Witan	196	+2	5.6	3.6	33.9

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
325.70	Airtours	354	+2	7.2	2.6	12.5
39.60	Ald Leis	62	-1	4.7	...	17.8
147.00	Anglia TV	331	+17	...	3.5	15.3
11.50	Baldwin	63	...	3.0	6.0	8.6
22.20	Barr & W 'A'	224	+5	10.0	5.6	14.5
40.60	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
13.90	Border TV	136	+3	...	3.1	...
19.60	Brent Walker	6½	-1½	...	...	...
2.96	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
5.72	Buckingham Int	4½	-½	...	...	...
14.40	Campari	138	+25	...	10.9	...
140.80	Capital Radio	198	+5	5.2	3.3	22.8
1,470.60	Carlton Comm	739 †	+1½	17.0	2.9	21.8
11.00	Castle Comm	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
528.00	Central TV	1963	+10	38.0	2.4	21.4
18.30	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
448.00	Compass Gp	500	-5	...	3.3	15.0
48.10	Eurocamp	183	...	9.7	6.7	7.6
1,130.50	Euro Disney	665	+7	...	1.8	...
8.05	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
20.80	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	...
9.38	Feltline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.9	...
518.00	First Leisure	318	-10	6.1	2.4	21.9
15.50	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	26.0
32.10	Grampian	228	+4	6.1	3.3	15.8
0.35	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
36.00	HTV Group	52	-1	...	...	23.1
23.00	Hi-Tec Sports	50	-3	...	5.0	...
22.90	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
412.40	LWT CP	466	+25	...	1.3	21.6
52.20	Man Utd	428	+4	18.0	5.3	14.7
107.60	Owners Abrd	66	+1	3.5	6.8	5.2
25.40	The Pelican Gp	65	-1	...	2.2	...
12.70	Prism Leisure	158 †	+½	...	2.6	...
6.32	Quadrant Grp	27	-1	...	...	...
26.60	Radio Clyde	295	-2	...	3.6	23.1
10.70	Ramsdens (H)	178	+13	...	3.2	23.5
247.70	Scot TV	516	-6	9.9	2.4	25.4
10.80	Southern Radio	38	-1	0.7	2.6	15.8
101.70	Stanley Leisure	229 †	+12	4.3	2.4	...
8.28	Smtleigh	9	...	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
647.30	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.4	...
19.00	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
15.90	Tottenham Hot	99	+2	...	...	3.2
21.90	Trans World	55	-3	...	1.8	20.1
48.90	Ulster TV	466	+2	10.0	2.7	14.3
71.40	Vardon	98	-1	0.7	1.0	23.1
36.00	Wembley	14	-½	0.2	1.8	...
9.57	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
103.60	Yorkshire TV	206	+13	12.0	7.3	6.2
7.41	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,195.30	Am Gold	4950	-118½	...	4.2	23.8
401.50	Ang Am Coal	1593½	+62½	...	5.8	8.0
4,874.10	Ang Am	2100	-75	...	3.3	17.3
21.80	Anglo Pac Res	28	...	...	...	...
27.60	Blyvoors	115	+3	...	3.3	6.3
4.90	Bracken	35	-4	...	...	2.0
80.80	Buffels	735	-27	...	8.9	...
5.30	Bugs	2½	...	...	...	...
3,678.60	CRA	620	+2	...	3.4	19.9
26.90	Chiff Res	37	-2½	...	...	...
4,514.90	De Beers	1187½	-50	...	4.1	16.0
149.30	Deelkraal	150	+4	...	1.3	...
28.00	Doornfontein	70	-4	...	...	...
1,652.40	Driefontein	810	-7	...	3.8	...
14.40	Durban	618	-59	...	...	...
73.90	E Rand Gold	161	-16	...	7.2	4.5
13.20	E Daggs	167	-2	...	...	14.0
98.90	E Rand Prop	234	-11	...	...	...
521.80	Elandsrand	538	+9	...	2.3	12.6
900.90	FS Cons	755	-49	...	6.2	9.0
14.70	FS Dev	66	+22	...	...	...
1,494.30	GFSA	1550	-50	...	2.6	24.4
2,339.40	Gencor	170	-10	...	5.8	13.2
251.30	GM Kalgoorli	54	-5½	...	2.5	13.3
14.00	Greenwich R 'A'	18	-1	...	...	...
19.10	Grootvlei	167	-9	...	6.1	9.9
85.20	Harmony	317	-25	...	...	...
404.30	Hartles	361	-18	...	5.4	...
27.70	Inoco	11½	-½	...	...	...
599.00	Impala Plat	963	-43	...	...	21.7
9.01	Kenmare Res	9	...	...	...	...
168.30	Kinross	939	-21	...	5.4	10.3
1,132.60	Kloof	780	-32	...	2.9	...
17.90	Leslie	112	-6	...	3.7	11.3
20.80	Libanon	164	-5	...	...	...
126.70	Lydenburg	800	...	...	...	22.9
1,280.60	MIM	91½	-2½	...	2.5	41.7
1,982.10	Minorco	1157	-10½	...	3.2	13.7
789.30	Nth Brkn Hill	124	-5½	...	4.0	19.2
439.00	Orange Free	1950	-96½	...	6.7	14.9
6,962.40	RTZ	874	+5	...	3.9	25.3
94.10	Rand Mines	631½	+25	...	9.3	2.9
332.20	Randfontein	576	-46	...	5.2	...
328.10	Rustlein	168	-5	...	2.7	16.0
1,347.20	Rustnbrg	1075	-75	...	4.3	16.8
49.80	St Helena	517	-25	...	4.8	10.4
470.60	Southvaal	1810	+41	...	3.2	31.3
12.10	Stilfontein	93	-5	...	6.8	16.2
44.50	Unisel	159	-6	...	1.9	15.5
941.30	Vaal Reefs	4525	-150	...	4.5	8.4
178.50	Welkom	505	-24	...	6.7	14.9
114.50	Western Areas	284	+10	...	2.5	...
602.80	Western Deep	2175	+6½	...	2.9	10.0
2,437.20	Wstrn Mining	254	-21	...	...	...
111.80	Winkels	918	-13	...	1.1	7.5
74.80	Zambia Copper	61	-3	...	...	...
82.00	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.16	Abbey Panels	258	...	...	...	...
10.70	Airflow Stream	125	+2	3.0	3.0	12.0
62.30	Appleyard	132	...	5.2	4.9	...
12.10	Bletchley Mtr	285	...	...	4.2	13.5
23.80	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
1,527.10	Br Aerospace	404	-15	7.0	2.2	...
57.30	Burndene	51	...	...	2.9	13.4
10.90	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
13.50	Caverdale	9½	+½	...	...	...
17.60	Central Mtrs	132	-8	...	3.8	33.3
10.20	Cook (DC)	24	...	...	...	...
326.40	Cowie (T)	231	-10	6.2	3.4	17.6
18.80	Dag Minors	104	...	5.7	6.9	18.8
27.20	Davnprt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
27.40	ERF	280	+1	2.0	0.9	...
48.40	European Mtr	128	-2	3.5	3.4	...
69.70	Evans Halshaw	324	-2	11.2	4.3	49.8
196.70	FR Group	263	...	...	3.4	12.3
17,053.60	Ford Motor	3493½	+56½	...	...	...
22,441.90	General Mtr	3175	-37½	...	1.6	...
5.71	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
64.40	Henlys	174	-12	3.0	2.2	...
7,974.10	Honda Motor	819	...	...	0.7	...
3.03	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
7.88	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
235.20	Kwik-Fit	139	-6	...	3.1	24.5
367.40	Lex Service	390	+2	...	3.4	21.3
28.50	Lookers	149	-1	6.2	3.3	...
1,012.60	Lucas	143	-4	7.0	6.1	...
20.40	Malaya Grp	23	-½	...	...	...
97.60	Pendragon	253	-2	...	3.3	20.4
32.50	Perry Gp	173	-17	6.0	4.3	...
37.70	Quicks Group	165	+2	...	3.4	21.1
1,359.10	Rolls-Royce	140	+1	...	4.5	...
895.70	T & N	194	+5	...	7.0	31.1
99.20	Trinity Hldgs	193	+4	...	3.6	...
67.80	Vardy (Reg)	150 †	+2	4.2	3.5	...
221.80	Westland	233	-1	4.2	2.3	20.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
20.80	Adscene	140	...	4.0	3.6	44.9
5.16	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	...
415.40	Blenheim Gp	450	+5	...	2.5	16.8
55.10	Bristol	336	-2	...	4.5	30.5
475.00	Daily Mail	9500	-125	130	1.7	21.4
475.00	Daily Mail 'A'	9500	-125	130	1.7	21.4
176.80	Dorling Kind	387	-5	...	1.3	27.4
574.30	EMAP	331	-12	...	3.0	20.4
212.00	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	29.5	3.5	23.7
20.20	Harrington K	212	-2	4.5	2.7	17.5
38.90	Haynes Pub	380	+2	6.0	2.0	16.3
119.00	Hodder H'line	345	-4	5.0	1.6	29.3
9.90	Home Counts	99	-15	6.0	7.6	...
17.00	Intl Bus Comm	116	-9	...	...	16.5
5.52	Intl Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
22.60	Independent	365	-2	...	3.5	16.3
160.70	Johnstone Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
22.70	Metal Bulletin	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
983.20	Mirror Gp	148	+1	...	...	...
6,545.00	News Corp	397	-1	...	0.3	24.7
1,477.90	News Intl	214	-1	...	0.6	14.8
2,389.20	Pearson	436	-9	...	3.4	26.6
75.70	Portsmth Sund	631	...	...	1.9	17.4
3,607.20	Reed Int	643	-15	...	3.3	28.0
22.00	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	26.9
51.70	Sterling Pub	158	+2	...	2.4	17.1
507.90	Telegraph	379	-5	...	3.6	15.9
4,469.20	Thomson Corp	785	-20	25.4	4.1	...
259.80	Trinity Intl	377	+4	8.7	2.9	21.6
1.93	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
1,284.90	Utd Nwspprs	529	+11	...	5.1	15.6

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.90	Aran Energy	29½	-2	...	...	24.6
24.40	Arcon Intl	42	+2	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	63	+7	...	...	...
22.40	Aviva Pet	71	-5	...	...	...
4.18	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
77.40	Br Borneo	172	+8	7.1	5.2	5.7
12,663.50	British Gas	293	-1	14.2	6.1	14.2
15,984.80	Br Petroleum	294	+2	10.5	4.5	46.3
13.70	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,132.50	Burmah Castrl	708	-8	...	4.5	16.5
38.50	Cairn Energy	59½	+½	...	...	8.5
415.20	Calor Gp	247	+8	...	6.1	21.6
181.70	Clyde Pet	45½	+1½	...	...	...
29.40	Coplex Res	29	+1	...	...	...
3.34	Edin Oil & Gas	20	...	...	...	...
2,112.80	Enterprise	442	+3	16.0	4.5	34.6
44.50	Exp Co Louis	43	-1	...	...	...
56.20	Fairhaven Intl	23	+1	...	2.4	8.8
74.40	Goal Pet	55½	-½	1.4	3.2	10.6
33.50	Gt Western Res	37	-1	...	...	...
164.80	Hardy O & G	140	+4	...	0.9	13.6
60.90	Kelt Energy	43	+3	...	...	...
1,042.40	LASMO	139	-½	3.3	3.0	28.2
5.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
33.20	Mid Scot Res	16	-1	...	...	...

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
264.10	Monument	39½	-1	...	...	64.2
6.33	New London	9½	-1	1.0	4.5	9.7
14.60	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	...	...	...
91.80	Oil Search	30	-2	...	...	...
	Pennzl	14	-1	...	...	7.2
64.00	Pict Pet	134	...	...	...	8.2
121.50	Premier	22½	-½	...	...	...
29.20	Presidio	115	-7	...	5.2	...
313.10	Ranger	318	...	...	5.0	...
32,624.50	Royal Dtch Pl	6125	+18½	...	5.2	14.3
10,306.10	Schlumberger	4300	+90½	...	1.8	...
28.30	Seafield	95	-1	...	...	...
20,387.20	Shell	615	+4	21.9	4.5	18.9
5.24	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	3.9
1.87	Teredo	6	...	...	...	5.0
21.40	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	...
6.30	Viliers Grp	12½	...	...	2.3	...
1,023.30	Woodside	153½	-½	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
63.30	API	297	-14	7.5	3.2	25.9
1,411.10	Arjo Wiggins	174	+8	...	4.2	17.1
77.00	Abbott Mead	513	...	9.3	2.3	26.6
3.51	Acts Group	14	...	...	...	...
47.00	Aegis Gp	28	-1	...	6.2	...
24.60	Aspen Comm	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
1.06	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
44.20	Bemrose	374	+4	...	3.9	15.3
2.67	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
512.60	Bunzl	125	-3	4.0	4.0	19.4
32.90	CIA Gp	287	+8	...	1.9	18.1
55.70	Capital Inds	209	-5	...	1.9	20.0
5.01	City of Lon	65	+2	...	7.4	...
16.70	Cropper (Jmes)	232 †	-1	3.1	1.7	22.4
3.66	Crown Chtle	6 ■	...	...	...	...
7.46	Delyn Pckging	88	+5	1.6	2.4	11.8
29.30	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
6.20	Dudley Jenkins	54	...	...	...	13.9
26.80	Elswick	13	+½	...	2.9	19.9
19.80	Fairway Group	64	+2	...	6.2	18.9
101.40	Ferguson Ind	312	...	...	5.0	14.5
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	29.3
26.40	Filofax	118	+2	...	1.3	15.1
5.34	Fitch	15	+1	...	...	...
0.66	Gibbon Lyons	107 †	+3	...	5.8	...
75.90	Gold Greenless	287	-2	8.3	3.7	...
3.59	Goodhead	24	-1	0.5	2.6	...
20.30	Hunterprint	35	-2	...	...	...
8.84	Interoprope	165	-10	7.4	5.7	10.9
78.50	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
3.19	Lopex	29	+1	...	...	...
96.30	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
41.10	NMC Group	103	+2	2.0	2.5	15.7
9.11	Osborne & Little	129	...	...	4.5	14.2
308.30	Portals	478	+8	...	3.8	16.4
42.20	Quarto	255	-5	5.3	2.4	14.9
290.50	St Ives Gp	294	-4	5.2	2.2	20.0
351.80	Saatchi	180	-3	...	...	...
645.70	Sappi	430	-27	...	8.5	8.3
4.58	Serif	18½	...	...	...	...
26.40	Shandwick	32	+2½	...	...	...
368.90	Smith David	368	+6	9.5	3.2	16.3
1,122.90	Smurfit (Jeff)	230	+1	...	3.4	14.2
1.25	Sumic	81	+3	1.5	3.1	...
49.50	Sun-Print	230	-1	9.0	4.3	20.7
55.80	Taylor Nelson	25½	-½	0.3	1.5	21.4
6.75	VTR	85	...	...	6.5	18.5
389.50	WPP	88	+5	...	1.4	3.3
108.30	Wace	145	-3	...	1.9	...
184.70	Waddington (J)	230	+1	...	4.3	17.2
236.70	Watmough	715	-5	11.5	2.0	21.1
6.68	Westpoint	5½	-½	...	...	...
1.86	Whitney Mck	26	-2	...	...	...
11.80	Wood (SW)	72	-3	...	2.2	15.4

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52.90	Allied Lon	76	...	3.5	5.8	65.6
5.58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
70.70	Asda	90	+1	...	2.9	9.5
57.30	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
6,891.60	BCE	2250	-125	...	...	...
250.80	Billton	574	-1	18.9	4.1	20.8
5.94	Bourne End	69	...	1.0	1.8	...
311.80	Bradford	217	...	5.4	3.1	22.0
4.22	Bredero	11½	+6	...	...	...
1,022.40	Br Land	340	-12	...	2.6	31.0
502.80	Brixton	217	+7	...	4.8	17.2
131.90	Burford	71	+2	...	2.0	...
46.00	Cap & Regnl	154	-1	...	0.9	...
4.80	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
71.10	Chesterfield	380	...	11.0	3.6	21.2
4.63	City Site Ests	30	-1	1.4	...	...
4.33	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
12.90	Clayform	36½	-½	...	...	...
24.20	Conrad Ritbt GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
182.40	Daejan	1150	+2	27.0	3.0	...
4.66	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
34.10	Debenhm Tewsn	82 †	-1	3.0	4.6	...
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
23.40	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
52.80	Derwent Hldgs	453	-5	8.6	2.4	96.5
13.60	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
15.60	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
4.06	Estates Gen	19	+2½	...	...	...
124.60	Evans Of Leeds	188 †	+6	...	3.0	16.6
13.80	Five Oaks	29½	+2	...	...	...
4.87	Fletcher King	58	-1	1.0	2.2	...
199.10	Frogmore	395 †	-1	...	4.7	25.0
37.80	Grainger	190	-5	5.2	3.5	42.5
594.90	Gt Portland	196	+12	...	6.4	18.7
18.00	Greycoat	20½	+½	5.2	...	...
3,627.00	HK Land	135	-3	...	4.8	18.4
207.00	Hambro Cntyw	60	+3	...	...	...
188.90	Hammerson	355	+3	10.0	3.5	35.9
623.10	-do- 'A'	324	+3	10.0	3.9	32.8
45.40	Helical Bar	240	...	...	4.2	...
28.40	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
9.92	Herring Baker	62	-4	3.7	7.4	15.6
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,076.50	Land Sec	608	+9	22.5	4.7	18.3
228.40	Lon Merch Sec	95	+1	3.8	5.0	15.1
1.99	Lon & Metro	3½	+½	...	...	...
1,762.00	MEPC	454	+6	...	5.5	19.5
5.42	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
32.60	McKay Secs	120	+5	6.7	...	19.7
7.33	Marlborough	6	+½	0.5	...	...
5.26	Merivale Mre	38	-1	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 ■	...	...	...	...
4.18	Moorfield Est	38	-1	...	...	...
53.90	Mountview	1100	-100	20.0	2.3	10.9
141.50	Muckiow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
6.32	Olives Prop	37	-1	1.5	5.1	...
4.55	Ossory Est	6	...	0.1	...	1.5
162.70	PSIT	134	+9	4.1	3.9	...
198.70	Peel	249	+1	4.0	2.0	...
8.14	Power Corp	7	-2	...	...	0.7
6.45	Property Trust	34	-1	...	...	...
15.60	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
23.40	Regalian	20	+4½	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	-5	1.5	1.5	34.5
37.90	St Modwen Prp	32½	...	0.6	2.3	24.8
30.70	Savills	56	...	1.0	2.3	...
74.80	Scot Met	77	+1	1.3	...	...
23.40	Shaftesbury	96 †	+2	...	...	...
1.06	Shield	11	...	...	...	...
873.00	Slough Estates	227	-3	...	4.5	15.9
62.70	Southend Prop	68	...	4.2	8.1	...
34.93	Stanhope Prps	21	-2	...	...	...
79.60	Tops Ests	173	+1	2.1	1.5	61.1
113.50	Town Centre	112	+3	3.1	3.5	20.9
30.80	Trafford Park	75	+4	2.5	4.3	20.2
7.87	UK Land	12	+8	...	...	...
9.67	Union Square	5	-½	...	...	...
115.20	Warner	237	+13	10.5	5.5	21.7
73.00	Warnford	190	...	7.5	5.1	13.6
0.66	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
90.00	Wates	75	+10	0.7	1.3	...
5.50	Wood John D	67	+2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.91	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
45.40	Headlam	154	+3	...	2.2	34.0
20.20	Lambert	335	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
11.70	Pinards	54	-3	2.0	4.6	15.4
46.00	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
35.40	Stylo	185	+2	...	2.1	69.6
11.30	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
143.90	Allied Text	508	-1	12.6	3.1	16.2
7.70	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
2.73	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
22.60	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
2.49	Chartwell	40	...	...	...	...
133.80	Claremont Ga	332	-3	7.2	2.7	20.7
542.40	Courtauld Tex	537	+10	13.6	3.2	14.7
5.38	Cupid	30	+1	...	...	...
327.20	Dawson	210	+3	...	3.4	16.0
5.20	Drummond	32	...	...	...	...
8.48	Dunkeld	28	-1	...	...	...
8.54	Parpel	24	+5	...	8.3	...
2.17	Foster (John)	19	+1	...	...	...
5.63	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
32.20	Hicking Pntcst	195	+5	...	2.6	16.8
4.07	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
100.50	Lamont	335	-8	12.0	4.5	22.2
90.60	Leeds	477	...	...	1.9	23.0
5.93	Lister	36	+3	0.1	0.3	...
6.32	Lyles (S)	87	+2	4.9	7.0	9.9
39.30	Magellan	158	-1	1.4	1.1	...
8.08	Parkland 'A'	141	-17	2.0	1.8	...
176.00	Readicut	91½	...	...	4.7	17.2
1.56	SEET	39	...	...	...	...
53.00	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
56.20	Stirling Gp	65	-6	1.8	3.6	15.6
30.90	Stoddard	44	+4	...	4.3	40.9
18.70	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
6.49	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
18.50	Yorklyde	189	...	...	3.4	12.4

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,671.20	BAT	449	+13	...	5.2	16.8
4,035.40	Rothmans 'B'	667	-1	11.5	2.2	13.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
777.30	Assoc Br Ports	415	+7	...	2.6	...
3,749.00	BAA	738	+7	...	2.7	16.5
3,031.80	Br Airways	326	+13½	...	4.1	17.9
19.00	Clarkson (H)	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,296.10	Eurotunnel Uts	405	+1	...	...	...
12.10	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
12.40	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	...
29.70	IoM Steam	196	...	...	5.1	10.4
6.45	Jacobs (JI)	28	+1	0.5	2.2	...
11.90	Lon O'Seas Frs	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
106.00	Manchstr Sh	2650	...	15	0.2	14.5
215.80	Mersey Docks	359	+4	7.5	2.6	21.0
68.50	Natl Express	234	+19	...	3.6	16.8
1,285.30	NFC	232	-11	6.5	3.6	17.5
452.80	Ocean Group	294	+6	...	6.1	24.4
23.40	Ocean Wilson	99	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
3,551.80	P & O Dfd	632	-1	...	6.0	34.3
100.60	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.6	...
353.30	Powell Duffryn	537	-21	...	5.3	21.8
13.70	Seacon	141	...	...	4.5	8.9
163.20	Stagecoach	136	+1	...	3.5	17.4
70.80	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
316.50	TNT	56	-4	...	...	...
302.30	Tibbet & Britn	695	+2	11.8	2.1	26.7
274.80	Tiphook	250	-1	19.3	10.2	...
363.10	TDG	248	+2	9.5	4.8	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,400.10	Anglian Water	473 †	-½	...	5.6	9.6
379.50	Northumbrian	363	-7	...	5.0	6.0
1,664.70	North West	465	-5	...	5.8	8.3
1,870.80	Severn Trent	468	-5	...	5.6	6.9
812.00	Bourn Water	488	+2	...	5.5	7.6
81.90	Sth Staffs	1455	+30	47.0	4.0	10.4
628.20	South West	503	-7	...	5.9	8.3
1,844.70	Thames Water	473	-4	...	5.5	8.3
777.80	Welsh Water	539 †	-5½	...	5.4	5.4
705.70	Wessex Water	570	-11	...	4.7	8.0
962.30	Yorkshire W	484	-7	...	5.5	8.2

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; ■ Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

TANGIBLE SECURITIES

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS ADVISERS
ACTING ONLY FOR VENDOR CLIENTS

"Still successfully selling private businesses and non-core subsidiaries of public companies to strategic buyers"

FOR A COPY OF OUR 1993 CORPORATE PROFILE CONTACT
PHILIP CASE or JOHN DONACHIE

at

TANGIBLE SECURITIES LTD.
2 LONDON WALL BUILDINGS
LONDON EC2M 5PP
TEL: 071-628 4200 FAX: 071-588 2718

FIMBRA

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
600	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.70
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	102⅝	-⅛	13.41	5.69
2,100	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅝	-⅛	8.39	5.69
550	Treas 14½% 1994	105⅞	-⅛	13.78	5.62
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	105⅝	-⅛	12.77	5.61
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	103⅝	-⅛	9.64	5.66
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅛	-⅛	11.68	5.64
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104	-⅛	8.65	5.75
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	108⅝	-⅛	11.04	5.86
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅝	+⅛	3.10	4.94
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅜	-⅛	9.50	5.98
940	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-⅛	11.18	6.13
770	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.92	6.31
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅝	-⅛	12.51	6.47
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅛	-⅛	11.31	6.45
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	110	-⅛	9.09	6.57
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅝	-⅛	11.05	6.74
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅛ †	-⅛	9.39	6.73
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅛	-⅛	8.18	6.76
830	Exch 15% 1997	129	-⅛	11.63	6.90
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	107⅝	-⅛	8.91	6.94
2,950	Treas 7¼% 1998	101⅛	-⅛	7.12	6.77
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99⅝	-⅛	6.75	6.76
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	126⅛	-⅛	11.05	7.32

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅝	-⅛	11.44	7.16
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	127⅛	-⅛	9.97	7.31
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅛	-⅛	8.60	7.15
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅛	-⅛	10.03	7.40
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	115⅛	-⅛	9.13	7.28
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	114⅛	-⅛	8.94	7.32
4,756	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	-⅛	8.26	7.27
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	129⅛	-⅛	10.10	7.63
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	113⅛ †	-⅛	8.78	7.50
6,577	Treas 9¾% 2002	113⅛	-⅛	8.57	7.62
4,150	Treas 8% 2003	103⅛	-⅛	7.74	7.51
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	116	-⅛	8.62	7.69
1,630	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120⅛	-⅛	9.51	7.81
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75⅛	+⅛	4.66	6.76
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	112⅛	-⅛	8.44	7.79
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	112⅛	-⅛	8.43	7.82
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130⅛	-⅛	9.55	8.04
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	101⅛	-⅛	7.89	7.85
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124⅛	-⅛	9.43	7.99
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	105⅛	-⅛	8.06	7.89
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139⅛	-⅛	9.75	8.06

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	109⅛	-⅛	8.20	7.88
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	100⅛	-⅛	7.94	7.91
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	109⅛	-⅛	8.19	7.96
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	110⅛ †	-⅛	8.18	7.96
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78⅛	-⅛	7.04	7.70
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98⅛	-⅛	7.89	7.96
3,000	Treas 8% 2013	100⅛	-⅛	7.97	7.96
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	137⅛	-⅛	8.72	8.17
6,300	Treas 8¾% 2017	108⅛ †	-⅛	8.10	7.90

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	43⅛	+⅛	8.07	...
475	Treas 2½%	30⅛	-⅛	8.09	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅛	-⅛	...	4.04
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	197⅛	-⅛	1.84	2.70
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	-⅛	2.25	2.89
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167⅛	...	2.74	3.11
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163⅛	+⅛	2.89	3.20
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111⅛	+⅛	2.96	3.26
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	170⅛	+⅛	3.03	3.27
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154⅛	+⅛	3.19	3.40
1,590	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160⅛ †	+⅛	3.24	3.43
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132⅛ †	+⅛	3.29	3.46
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140⅛	+⅛	3.36	3.52
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2020	135⅛	+⅛	3.41	3.55
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2024	112⅛	+⅛	3.42	3.55

هكذا من الإصل

هكذا من الأصل

REPORTING THIS WEEK

US price war shadow over BAT

THE state of the cigarette price war across the Atlantic will dominate analysts' thinking when **BAT Industries**, the British tobacco and insurance heavyweight, reports its half-time trading figures on Wednesday.

That and the dividend, the latter being seen as a touchstone for the group's confidence for the future in the face of its smoking timebomb now smouldering in America.

NatWest Securities predicts an interim dividend of 7.8p, compared with 7.3p — an increase of just under 7 per cent. NatWest believes that any increase much less than this will meet a jaundiced response. However, some other analysts are more optimistic, pencilling in a dividend of 8.35p.

At the pre-tax level, the range of forecasts is set between £695 million and £745 million, up from an FRS3-restated £645 million last time.

The main bruising to BAT's profit and loss account in America is expected to come from extensive trade de-stocking of its Kool menthol cigarette, as people trade down to discount brands, which has cost its Brown & Williamson offshoot $75 million in the first half.

The US price-cutting war launched by the rival Philip Morris has been the principal motor behind the fall in BAT's share price from a year's high of 517p to 449p when stumps were drawn on Friday evening.

Philip Morris, with its almost flamboyantly deep pockets, reduced the cost of a pack of Marlboro in May, and announced last week it was considering widening the discounting to other brands.

Meanwhile, on the financial services side, the City expects Eagle Star, BAT's subsidiary, to rebound into profit, possibly to the tune of about £30 million compared with a £47 million loss last time.

Allied Dunbar and the Californian Farmers insurance operations are expected to be buoyant.

One analyst said: "Both should be encouraging, with profits at Farmers of around £216 million and at Allied of about £74 million."



Mixed message: Sir Denys Henderson reports on Zeneca and ICI on Thursday

Zeneca to show ICI the way

ICI and Zeneca report their first separate sets of results this week, with the Zeneca price still bobbing around the 600p at which investors were offered the shares during the demerger rights issue earlier this year.

But even the chemicals business, on which the market had pinned recovery hopes, will be held back by a £70 million exceptional charge for the fibre swap deal with Du Pont.

The pound's devaluation and cost cuts will have helped Sir Denys Henderson at ICI to hold profits at about last year's first half of £159 million before exceptional charges.

However, demand for bulk chemicals has fallen, paints have suffered price competition, polyurethane, film and fibre markets have turned down, and explosives have failed to recover.

Sir Denys, in his dual role as chairman of Zeneca, is expected to have raised pre-tax profits to between £330 million to £350 million, compared with an equivalent £261 million. Currency gains will have boosted profits by about 15 per cent, while underlying sales are thought to have risen just 7 per cent.

TODAY

Kleinworts, the company broker, expects **Merrydown**, the cider company, to pour out preliminary pre-tax profits of £1.8 million, compared with £1.9 million, with earnings per share down slightly to 14p (15.3p) and a dividend increased 10 per cent to 7.7p (7p).

Some attention will be focused on how well Merrydown is faring in the increasingly competitive premium end of the cider market, where the competition embraces heavy hitters like Taunton and Bulmer.

There will also be interest in how well the integration has gone of two recent purchases from Smithkline Beecham: PLJ lemon juice and Schloer, the fruit-based non-alcoholic drink.

Interims: Capita Group, EFM Java Trust, Motor World Group, *Shandwick, Specialeyes, Union Discount.*
Finals: Merrydown, CRT Group, Independent Investment Company, TR Smaller Companies Investment Trust.

TOMORROW

Reuters, the financial and media company, is likely to produce half-time taxable profits of between £210 and £223 million, according to a range of forecasts.

Richard Dale, at Smith New Court, who is in the middle of the range at £216 million, says overall revenues should be up 20 per cent, with a significant currency effect. But he expects the underlying core business to show reasonable growth of 5 to 5.5 per cent.

The progress of "sexy" products like Dealing 2000 and Globex — for automated dealing of foreign exchange and commodities — will also be under the microscope, says Dale.

He is looking for an interim dividend of 6.2p, compared with 5.3p.

Interims: Allied Textile, Data General Corporation, *Inversek*, Reuters Holdings, St Modwen Properties, RPS Group, Scottish National Trust (Q3), Temple Bar Investment Trust.
Finals: John Lusty Group, Menvier-Swain, Murray Smaller Markets Trust, Stagecoach.
Economic statistics: CBI industrial trends survey (Q3), US consumer confidence (July).

WEDNESDAY

Abbey Life, the insurance group, is expected to come in with interim pre-tax profits of about £165 million, compared with £142 million. NatWest Securities expects the interim dividend to be pegged at 6.3p.

Interims: BAT Industries, British Telecom (Q1), Continental Assets Trust, Corporate Services, Lloyds Abbey Life, Sphere Investment Trust, Thornton Asian Emerging.
Finals: Sidney C Banks, Clayhithe, J and J Dyson, Goode Durrant, David S Smith Holdings, Grosvenor Inns, Platignum.
Economic statistics: mortgage repossession statistics (Q2), mortgage arrears and repossessions (January-June), bricks and cement production and deliveries (Q2), US durable goods orders (June).

THURSDAY

Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of between £320 and £340 million from **Zeneca**, the recently spun-off bio-sciences arm of **ICI**. It is also interims day for the latter and here the profits forecasts range from £133 to £165 million.

Interims: Freeman Group, Harrisons & Crosfield, ICI, Lex Service, LWT Holdings, Zeneca, Allied Radio, European Assets Trust, Lincoln House.
Finals: London Merchant Securities, Misys, William Ransom and Sons, Unitech, John Waddington.
Economic statistics: digest of UK energy statistics (1993), energy trends (April).

FRIDAY

Lloyds Bank is expected to show interim pre-tax profits well up at £560 million against £369 million last time, according to Lehman Bros, the broker.

Interims: Castle Cairn Investment Trst, First National Finance, Inoco, Lloyds Bank.
Finals: Oceonics, SEET.
Economic statistics: economic trends (July), monthly digest of statistics (July), new vehicle registrations (June).

MARTIN FLANAGAN

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Exchange pulls back on employee share schemes

THE Stock Exchange has backed down from an attempt to require votes by shareholders before all company employee share schemes, including employee share option plans (Esops), can go ahead. The move had been opposed by employers' organisations, including the Confederation of British Industry. But the exchange is still insisting that, in the long term, the rules will have to be changed. Esops are increasingly used by employers to reward employees' performance. But they do not at present, under exchange rules, require a vote at a shareholders' meeting because they involve the purchase of existing shares in the market on behalf of the workforce and therefore do not dilute investors' holdings.

A letter to interested parties from Tom Mackay, the head of the exchange's legal department, said the decision after a long-running debate had been to revert to the existing rules in the exchange's *Yellow Book*, which regulates companies on the London market. These do not require shareholders to approve employees' share schemes where the shares are already in existence, as with Esops. But Mr Mackay adds: "*In the long term this is probably not tenable.*" Further consultations will therefore take place.

Boots drugs rethink

BOOTS, the stores and drugs group, is unable "to confirm or deny" City suggestions that it is poised to sell its pharmaceuticals division. A spokesman admitted that the 1993-4 business plan is being re-assessed in the light of last week's decision to withdraw from the Manoplax heart drug market. Boots' executives, as part of the regular briefing sessions with the City, are meeting analysts this week who will be told that the group can give no categoric undertakings about any part of its business. But Boots conceded yesterday that the business plan, which had assumed a flow of *Manoplax orders and an eventual healthy profits stream* — has now "had a hole blown through it". Examination of how to use the surplus manufacturing capacity and the impact the *Manoplax withdrawal might have on staffing, is likely to* take "several weeks". Boots' pharmaceuticals division employs 7,200 people worldwide — 2,200 in Britain.

More EBRD projects

DIRECTORS of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) are expected to approve a big increase in projects in the former Soviet bloc at a two-day board meeting which begins today. The executive committee, under Ronald Freeman, acting president after the departure of Jacques Attali, the bank's first president, will present the board with 11 more projects for approval. After failing to obtain a consensus on a candidate for the post of president, Anne Wibble, the EBRD's Swedish chairman, has given herself until Wednesday this week to resolve the issue. She is trying to persuade the EC to pick a single candidate from the three contenders from EC countries, Jacques de Larosière, French Central Bank governor, Henning Christophersen, Danish European commissioner, and Giuliano Amato, former Italian Prime Minister, to stand against Leszek Balcerowicz, the former Polish finance minister.

Warburg tops BT3 list

THE 11 global managers of the government's £5 billion BT3 share sale sold 90 per cent of the shares in the international offer to the top 500 institutions worldwide. The pecking order is believed to be: Warburg, followed closely by NatWest Securities, with BZW, Cazenove, and Smith New Court bunched together in third place. UBS and Daiwa Securities were joint sixth, followed by Deutsche Bank, Paribas Capital Markets, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley. In the US, Warburg dominated the deal, bringing in 55 per cent of the business, and NatWest Securities second, with 20 per cent.

It has also emerged that the government received 43,000 applications from private investors in the retail tender, which was part of the international offer, of which 40 per cent came from personal equity plan applicants. Private investors received 14 per cent of the shares in the international tender offer, or 83 million of the 104 million shares applied for.

Ultimatum for miners

STRIKING miners at the marginal East Rand Proprietary Mines (ERPM) gold mine at Boksburg, South Africa, have been given an ultimatum to return to work today or be dismissed. ERPM, one of South Africa's oldest gold mines where milling began in 1908, has a workforce of 5,900 of whom between 5,200 and 5,700 have been on strike since Tuesday. Workers are demanding that a recent pay rise be doubled to 10 per cent. Mangement has refused, saying that the mine, which has been loss-making for several years, already has debts of more than R480 million (£9.5 million) and can not afford to pay more than the 5 per cent pay rise offered. ERPM has already said that the 1993 financial year, ending December 31, is a critical one for the future of the company. If striking workers are dismissed, it will cost ERPM up to R5 million and, at worst, lead to ten days of lost production. About 25 per cent of ERPM's equity is held by French investors.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4972 (+0.0197)
German mark
2.5762 (+0.0223)
Exchange index
31.7 (+0.9)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2234.6 (+15.7)
FT-SE 100
2827.7 (-5.3)
New York Dow Jones
3546.74 (+18.44)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19734.57 (-596.96)

GILT-EDGED

Why long-term bulls should sit tight

With long yields now about 8 per cent, bulls of the gilt market have a problem. Has the market done enough or could yields push on to hitherto unimagined levels?

For once, immediate inflation developments are unlikely to hold the clue. The continued fall of inflation, in spite of the devaluation, has been the main reason for the bull market this year.

Some pessimists continue to believe that underlying inflation will pick up decisively. But they are constantly having to push their pessimism further into the future. They remind one of the pessimistic growth forecasters in the mid-1980s whom the then Nigel Lawson castigated as suffering from *forecasters' droop*. We believe that underlying inflation is set to continue to be low for the foreseeable future, backed by growth in average earnings as low as 3 per cent, and growth in unit labour costs of virtually zero. Headline inflation, of course, is set to increase, but even that looks unlikely to get much above 3 per cent.

The government's favoured measure, namely the RPI excluding mortgage interest payments, may peak at about 3¼ per cent before falling below 3 per cent next year. Our own core measure of inflation looks set to fall to 2 per cent next year and stay there. All this is splendid news and seemed unimaginable even six months ago. Yet such prospects no longer astound the gilt market and their realisation is unlikely, by itself, to take gilt yields down to much lower levels.

What has been conspicuously absent from the market in recent weeks is a shift towards lower real yields. It has all been about improving inflation expectations. That is why index-linked gilts have lagged. Index-linked would be helped, though, by further cuts in base rates.

Since the markets are likely to think such cuts are sustainable, lower real yields may spread down the yield curve, affecting both index-linked and conventionals. There are three specified factors that could prompt a fall in real yields. First, will the Chancellor tighten fiscal policy significantly in the autumn Budget? If he does, this will help to cut the supply of stock, encouraging lower long yields. Such tightening would also make it more likely that short interest rates would have to come down further.

Second, will the authorities redirect funding towards the short end? This makes sense on grounds of minimising the cost of government finance and as a way of trying to stimulate the economy by increasing money supply and encouraging lower yields.

Lastly, will European interest rates come down substantially? If so, then the resulting combination of lower European bond yields and lower short rates here would provide further justification for lower long yields.

Indeed, if lower short rates in Europe led to an extremely strong pound, this might prompt sharper cuts in base rates than the Chancellor would ideally like. He might then feel obliged to tighten fiscal policy in November.

One of the market's main worries about this scenario is the risk of a political crisis. But even if such a crisis does occur, long-term gilt bulls should sit tight. Granted fiscal tightening and lower rates across Europe, there is no reason why long yields cannot reach 7 per cent next year.

Roger Bootle
Chief Economist, Greenwell Montagu Gilt-Edged

PARTNER'S PA

Watts & Partners, a leading firm of building surveyors and architects requires a Partner's PA to work at their Blackheath office.

The successful applicant should have excellent presentation/communication skills and, have a minimum of 5 year's experience within a professional office. Good organisational skills and personality are required for this busy and challenging position. Word processing experience is essential as is, the ability to act on own initiative and work under pressure. Knowledge of Lotus 123, although not essential, would be advantageous.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the right individual.

If you are interested in the above position, please apply in writing, enclosing your CV to:-

Mrs Gillian Thalassinos
Watts & Partners, 11/12 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4BP
NO AGENCIES

Parfums Christian Dior

This prestigious fragrance and cosmetic company based in SW1 seeks a high calibre secretary for the Marketing Department.

The ideal candidate will have fast competent typing and shorthand skills, DW4 and lotus 123, together with an excellent telephone manner and good organisational skills. French is desirable, but not essential. In return you will have the opportunity to work within the dynamic environment for one of the industries leading companies.

Please send your CV together with current renumeration to:

Carolyn Rea, Parfums Christian Dior (UK) Ltd, 13 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE
(no agencies).
Tel: 071 235 9411

EUROPEAN TRADE ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR WITH GOOD SECRETARIAL SKILLS LOOKING

FOR A FUTURE IN MANAGEMENT for assist but very busy office with varied workload. Must have a European language, be able to work on own initiative, with good organising and computer skills. Trade association experience would be useful but not essential. Would suit someone in their early 30's looking for real responsibility and a challenge. £15,000-£17,000 depending on experience.

RECEPTIONIST/ASST. SECRETARY with at least 2 years experience required. Should be efficient and have a clear telephone voice to deal with international calls, accurate typing 55wpm, good English grammar. Knowledge of European language and Word Perfect useful. £10,00 neg.

Send CV to Resolutions Ltd, 102 Old St., EC1V 9AY.

MARKET ACCESS INTERNATIONAL LTD

Leading political consultancy seeks:

RECEPTIONIST

Experienced and smart with good telephone manner. Panasonic system and wordperfect 5.1.

SECRETARY

To support consultants, general secretarial skills, wordperfect 5.1. Must have initiative and flexibility. Aged 20+.

Please send cv to Mrs Jane Wright, 7 The Sanctuary, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3JS. No Agencies.

PA/SECRETARY

Director of established international tax consultancy seeks experienced computer-literate non-smoking PA/Secretary with Wordperfect 5.1, shorthand & audio skills to work in friendly offices near Tower Bridge. 10 mins Tower Hill and London Bridge tube stations. Salary £14K to £16K + BUPA, season ticket loan & bonus.

Please write with CV to Penny Prime, J F Chown & Co Ltd, 51 Lafone Street, London SE1 2LX.
Fax No: 071 403 6693.
No Agencies

SINCE 1885
CHESTERTONS
RESIDENTIAL

London largest Lettings agent has the following vacancies:

Manager, Notting Hill Are you self motivated, a team leader and capable of developing new business?

Management Negotiator, Little Venice Are you organised, a good communicator, and experienced in Property Management?

Both positions require a clean driving licence, the ability to work under pressure and a confident and mature approach.

For an immediate interview telephone Rowena Gilbert on 071-262 5060

Small but rapidly expanding public company for new W1 offices needs:

Secretary/P.A. £16,000

For both Chief Exec & Fin. DIR., must have initiative, firm but charming manner, sense of humour, aged 25/40

Secretary/Rec. £12,000

For 3 execs, must have great telephone manner, be flexible, aged 20/30.

S/hand, WP & DTP skills needed for both positions.

Contact Mark Watson-Mitchell on 071.354 3271/ 071.226 8450 or fax CV's to 071.226 2069.

NO SMOKERS
NO AGENCIES.

INTERIOR DESIGN

A very efficient, mature secretary/pa required for a lady director of a small SW1 design firm on Part-time/poss full time basis. Accuracy, attention to detail, microsoft works experience and a sense of humour essential. Please send CV stating Salary to Box No 3288

COLLEGE TO CAREER

COLLEGE Leaver. Publishing £12,000 to S/H. super opp. Learn marketing/direct mail/sales. Age 19+. King & Toben 071 629 9648.

MULTI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

BILINGUAL

English-German Switchboard Operator/ Receptionist (part-time) to start ASAP.

Applications in writing (ref SR) to:

German Chamber of Industry & Commerce
16 Buckingham Gate
London
SW1E 6LB

FRENCH bilingual PA for MD of Intl Surrey based Co. BH & solid work history at senior level essential. 25+ £18k + perks Language Matters Agy 071 930 1811

FRENCH bilingual Sec PR co suit dynamic young sec 2 yrs exp + gd skills est. S/H adv. to 14k. Link Appts 071 408 2160

FRENCH assig Recep Media co. suit lively 1st jobber some typing graduates welcomed to 12k Link Appts 071 408 2160

FRENCH/English Snr. exp PA. 25+. Good English S/H SW17. £17K LS Agy 081 455 8922.

GERMAN bilingual exec to work on rapidly expanding project. Proven sales skills ess. £14,000 +bens. The Language Specialists Merrow Emp Agy 071 499 3939

GERMAN spk Personnel Asst. Relevant exp ess. £17,500 + bens. The Language Specialists Merrow Agy 071 499 3939

ITALIAN bilingual PA/sec (audio in both) to well known exec in this City Co. 25+ £17.5k + perks Language Matters Agy. 071 930 1811.

MANCHESTER based french spk dynamic intl sales person to lead a team £25,000 + bens + car The Language Specialists Merrow Emp Agy. 071 499 3939

TRAINING Sec for intl Surrey co. German or French MT+ fluency in other lang. Top PA role with high admin content. To £18,000. The Language Specialists Merrow Emp Agy 071 499 3939

TURKISH bilingual Sec to help set up import/export office marvellous opp. 1st rate.. Urgent!! Link Appts 071 408 2160

RECEPTION SELECTION

FUN Receptionist. Age 19-23. 6 months work exp min. Crazy SW1 Co. Fun training provided.Basic keyboard skills + exc. presentation ess. Next Agy 071 287 3664

RECEPTIONIST Small property co. W1 needs smart, well-spoken receptionist to operate Switchboard (Norstar Meridian), meet & greet, some audio-typ, organise messengers and faxes, etc. Ideal for young (20s) friendly person willing to muck in easy-going office. Sal £15,000 ass. Tel: 071 487 3312. Applications: Mrs Nash, 3/4 Seaforth Street, London W1M 5RN. No Agencies.

RECEPTIONIST well presented, aged 25+ with excellent relevant job record for top City firm. 40wpm typing essential Call 071 377 6777 Middleton Jeffers Rec Cons.

PROFILES

PA - Aged 30

Excellent secretarial skills. Well presented, educated to A-level, bright, resourceful, sense of humour seeks a position in ARTS/THEATRE/ ENTERTAINMENT but would consider any thing anything 'different' preferably working on a one-to-one basis or as part of a small team.

Salary c£18,000
Please Reply to Box No 3279

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

NON-SECRETARIAL

ADMIN. Plan displays and sales material. Liaise with clients and production department, input data, supervise staff. Ideal for an organised, confident person with previous solid exp. from the service sector. A levels + Ed. Age 28/30. Roots Rashael Rec 071 287 2080.

DOCTOR req N. Ireland for Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture. Tel: 0890671213.

SALES Administrator required for W1 Antique Carpet Gallery. Must have a mature outlook and be able to work on own initiative, dealing with correspondance, accounts, imports & exports and all administration aspects of the day to day running of the business. You will be dealing with customers in person and on the telephone, so you should have the ability to communicate well and encourage sales. Applicants must be well presented and possess excellent interpersonal skills. A second language would be desirable. Salary £15,000 +. Please apply in writing and including CV quoting ref: NB 232 to Gallery Zadah Ltd, 29 Conduit Street, London W1R 9TA.

UPMARKET Retail showroom in Chelsea requires polished and experienced manager. Retail experience essential. Basic + generous commission Call Anderson Hoare 071-584 8821.

TEMPTING TIMES

AUDIO WP Sec Wd Perfect exp 30+ Wbw to Pers. Immed. Ctrl. Appts 071 734 1062.

MATERNITY leave assignment starting immediately for US investment bank. Word for Windows. Freelance graphics & Lotus 123 are all essential. An ability with & enjoyment of presentation work is vital. Excellent hourly rates. Please ring Julie on 071 434 4512. Crone Corkill Rec Cons

W.P.S. 1 temp sess required must know tables 50+ wpm good rates! Link Appts 071 408 2160

PART TIME VACANCIES

PART-TIME Audio secretary with WP. One-year contract. £10 p.h. + PPP. Sense of humour vital! Age 40-60. Based EC3. Please ring 071-283 7675 Jean Earley.

SUPER SECRETARIES

BOOK DISTRIBUTION Co in W1 urgently require bright sec/assistant for UK Mgr Lots o scope in young dynamic envt ronment. Must have good typing and WP Aged 20+ £10,00 £14,000. 071 287 2044

FIRST CLASS US Consultancy based prestigious offices, req. Exceptional Secs. to £15,000 + superb perks. (gym, free lunches etc) Flexible, confident, lively personalities to work within fast moving, young, fun environment. 55 wpm typ + audio. 20-23. Immed start. Val Wade Rec Cons 071 437 3793

ITALIAN speaking short-hand secretary required for Chairman of Co in SW1. Salary c£19,000. ACP Rec Cons 071 - 638 8987/0680

£23.-£30,000 - PA/Co-ordinator: Int' Management consultancy. Mayfair. Strong organisational skills & ability to interact with clients. Exc opportunity to grow with co. Computer literate & book-keeping knowledge. Mrs Prosser 071 289 6999. Beauchamp Bur.

PA Sec £17k + Bonus + Prs for a prestigious executive team/invest. WP/SH & Gd Education ess. Lux offices. 20's City Sec. Appts 071 734 1062

SUPER SECRETARIES

PERSONAL Assistant. Small busy London representative office of Japanese publishing company requires PA. Minimum standard of education A'Level. A knowledge of Japanese an advantage AppleMac experience essential. Salary circ £11,000. Send CV and accompanying letter to Lia Nogami. 16 Hanover Square, London W1R 0AU, (no agencies).

PR/MARKETING Sec. for sports co. Total involement in every facet from press conferences to sponsorship. Co also send you on mkte/pr courses S/H 70 + £14,000. Call 071 439 7001. Secretaries Plus - Rec Cons

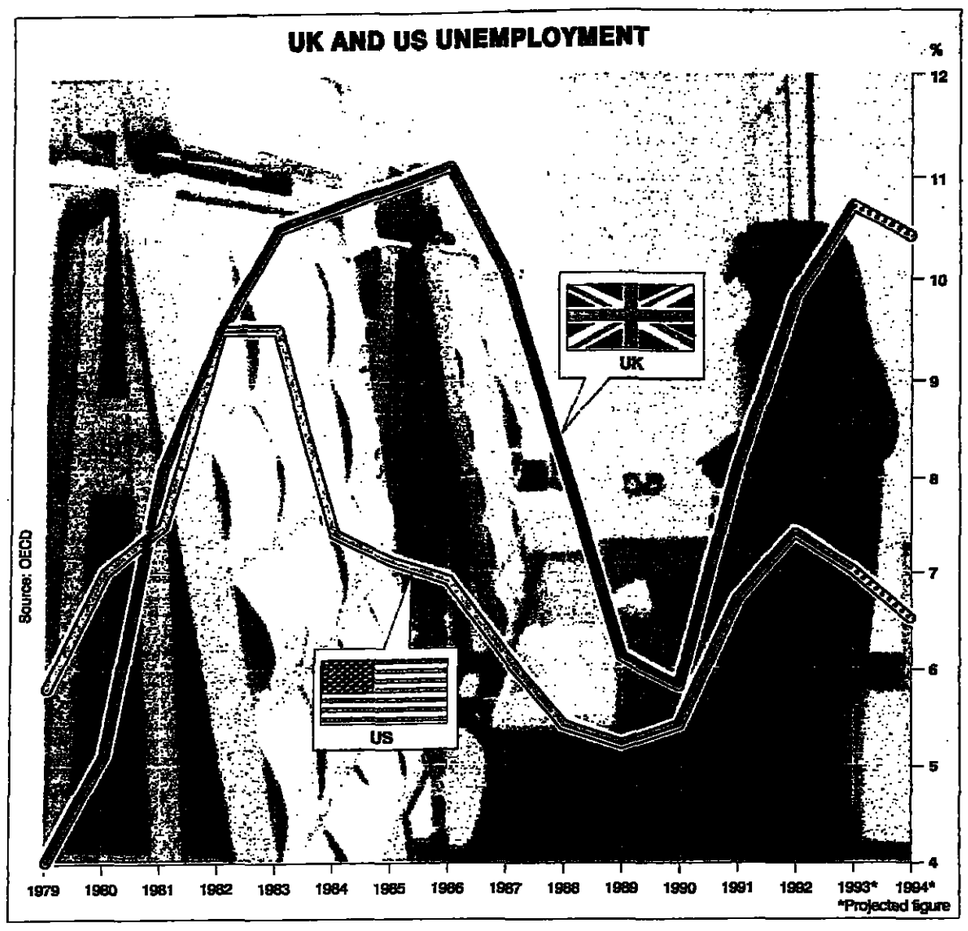
SEC/Office Manager for small friendly co £14k Wd for Windows. Excel and accounts exp esn. 20's Sec. Appts 071 734 1062

SECRETARY Winkworth the largest independent Estate Agency network in London is looking for a numerate Secretary to work at its small head office in W8, reporting direct to the Franchise Manager. The ideal candidate will have excellent secretarial skills, be computer literate, well organised, flexible and will enjoy working under pressure. This varied position provides good opportunities to develop new office skills and would probably suit someone in their early 20's. Wordperfect 5.1 essential. Typing 80wpm+. Salary c£14,000 Please send your CV to Kate Clark, Winkworth, 129 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7LP or fax on 071 602 2109.

WP Assist traders £12,500 + bank plus 55 wpm DEC or Word for Windows exp. 20's Sec. Appts 071 734 1062

Why Clinton strategy may be model for Britain's jobs drive

Workfare is on the agenda as David Hunt, the employment secretary, visits America, **Philip Bassett** reports from Washington



David Hunt, the employment secretary, arrived in Washington yesterday — all thoughts of Maastricht dramas behind him — to look at how President Clinton is tackling unemployment, and especially to examine in practice what is, in Britain, one of the dirtiest of political words: workfare.

Some of Mr Hunt's predecessors have nervously trodden a similar path, and come away convinced of the inapplicability to Britain of workfare — under which the unemployed are required to take up work, or lose their state benefit. In the wake of the prime minister floating the idea of US-style workfare in Britain, Mr Hunt is more confident in his approach, unafraid to look at some hard-edged workfare schemes, such as those he will visit in Utah and in post-riot areas of Los Angeles.

The fact that Mr Hunt is in America to look at workfare confirms the government's interest in the idea, in spite of the furore when John Major suggested it. The government is at once cautious about workfare, and attracted to it. The caution arises from the political sensitivity of workfare and its incompatibility with the government's increasingly individualistic approach to unemployment. The attraction arises because, at a time of a very high public spending deficit, any scheme that might save money is worth examining, even though it is arguable whether workfare would save money.

As well as workfare, Mr Hunt is to look at the success story of the US labour market — turning away from the regulated, Euro-model offered by Maastricht and the social chapter, and examining the ultimate model of free-market employment.

In the depths of its recession, US unemployment peaked at under 8 per cent, while the UK reached 10.6. The US rate is already below 7 per cent, while Britain's stands at 10.4, and is forecast by the OECD still to be there at the end of next year. In America, the proportion of jobless counted as long-term unemployed is 6 per cent; in the UK it is a third. In two decades, the number of jobs in the US has risen by more than half; in the UK, it has risen by little more than 10 per cent.

Yet even with such results, it is Mr Clinton who is leading the drive, launched at the G7 gathering in Tokyo *this month, for an international summit* on unemployment in the autumn. With worries about Pacific rim and Latin American competition, about recent sluggish employment growth, about job quality and real wage growth and about widening income inequality, it is Mr Clinton who has proposed in the US a range of policy initiatives to "revitalise the American workplace", expand opportunity, increase productivity and improve America's competitiveness.

Mr Clinton has also tried to legitimise workfare in the US. After running, in his home state of Arkansas, a successful welfare-to-work programme called Project Success, he has argued nationally the creed of reciprocal responsibility, of no one who can work being allowed to stay on welfare for ever.

However, if British ministers are attracted by that, they will be less enthralled with parallel aspects of the Clinton employment programme, including plans to give workers a stronger voice in corporate decision-making, index-linking a minimum wage and seeking, through a commission on labour-management relations, a new partnership at work.

Many aspects of the British labour market were drawn from the US. A visit to America by Sir Norman Fowler, now chairman of the Conservative party but then employment secretary, led to the establishment of the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs), which now *manage all government-funded training* in the UK.

Oddly, since that visit, the US Private Industry Councils, which were the model for Tecs, have atrophied — underfunded and manned by poor-quality private-sector directors. They may well be swept away if the Clinton administration adopts proposals from the influential National Center on Education and the Economy — backed by Apple Computer, First National Bank and Eastman Kodak — for business-led Labour Market Boards to oversee the full range of education and training measures, including the US version of the UK's Employment Service, which would be required to list all jobs to try to remove the stigma of unemployment.

A far-reaching document from the centre says that "what is essential is that we create a seamless web of opportunities to develop one's skills that literally extends from cradle to grave and is the same for everyone". As well as Mr Clinton's proposal for a new version of the apprenticeship system — already raised in Britain by Mr Hunt — an extensive job security programme would assure adult workers in the US that "they need never again watch with dismay as their jobs disappear and their chances of ever again getting a good job go with them".

Robert Reich, the impressive Harvard political economist whom Mr Clinton made labour secretary in a move that *has repositioned the rejuvenated agency* at the centre of influence in the Clinton administration, is working closely with the US education department on training and education initiatives.

Some of the initiatives, such as the proposed national industry and education standards, echo British moves already in place, such as the National Vocational Qualification or NVQ initiative, and, indeed, Cay Stratton, a former head of employment in Massachusetts who was enticed to Britain to help to pioneer Tecs and NVQs, is this week set to move back from the UK employment department to work for Mr Reich on post-16 education and setting up labour market boards.

While sorry to leave the reshaping of British labour market institutions that has taken place since her arrival in 1987, she says that the "invigoration" of employment in Washington under Mr Reich and the Clinton administration is palpable. It may be an attempt at such revitalisation that will be most valuable for Mr Hunt to take home.

Britain's long-standing labour market problems, and especially its high unemployment, are not going to be solved by one ministerial visit to America. However, with the increasing internationalisation of product markets, labour markets in different countries overlap and influence each other.

Mr Reich says that, with the disappearance of national products and technologies, "each nation's primary assets will be its citizens' skills and *insights*". Many employment specialists in Britain believe that Mr Hunt, with his talk of the social market and new partnerships between business and government — talk that would have seen him fired in previous Conservative administrations — is *open to such thinking. As he goes down* Constitutional Avenue this morning, to see his opposite numbers at the US labour department, the new thrust at the centre of America's labour market could hold out a model for the UK to emulate.

TEMPUS

Franc's exposed flank

ALL the pieces have been assembled once more on the scarred chessboard called the exchange-rate *mechanism and the players* have worked out their opening gambits. The next four days should see the game played to a conclusion or at least a summer stalemate.

On balance, the determination of the Bank of France to defend the franc and the pliability of the Bundesbank to protect the ERM may just win the day. To keep faith with the ERM, the Bundesbank should cut the discount rate by another half point on Thursday, in contradiction of money supply and inflation figures. Further intervention and market rate tinkering by the Bank of France may just hold back the speculators. But the battle will be close and while Edouard Balladur has ruled out devaluation he has made no commitment to the future of the key French intervention rate or the position of the ERM's other currencies.

The hotly argued question of whether the franc will avoid devaluation and the ERM will survive until Thursday afternoon ignores more fundamental issues. European central banks like to portray the speculators who put such pressure on the ERM *as malicious* privateers, out to make a fast profit at the expense of a visionary economic policy. They are nothing of the kind: they are agents of the free market and politicians should heed them.

The Franco German exchange rate has come under *extreme* pressure in the last 12 months. Each time, the central banks have had to work harder to defend it, the damage to the ERM has been greater and the credibility of the system has weakened. The market says that the needs of the European economies are too divergent to support the ERM. Germany is being forced into ill-advised rate cuts, while France is prevented from cutting rates fast enough. Until someone calls a halt to this tug of love battle in the currency markets, the central banks will continue to provide easy opportunities for the currency traders.

China

WHILE the world gazes on the economic and monetary turmoil in continental Europe, the Chinese economy is also on a knife edge, and the effects of it falling the wrong way could be just as damaging. The whole of South-East Asia, particularly Hong Kong, is waiting nervously to discover whether the austerity package revealed by the Chinese government two weeks ago will cool inflation and slow the country's runaway growth.

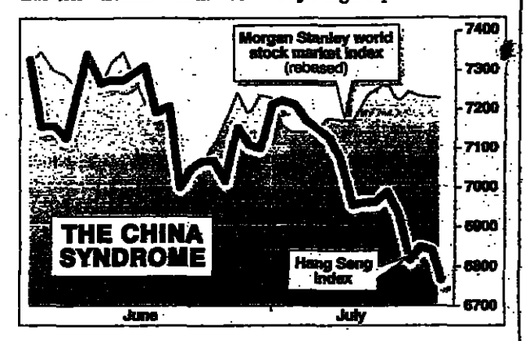
No one doubts that the *austerity package was needed*. The Chinese economy is growing at an annual rate of more than 14 per cent, while inflation is more than 20 per cent in the large cities. The main question is whether the 16-point package, which includes interest-rate increases and tough restrictions on borrowing, and a block on car imports, will work without throwing the economy into reverse.

The currency markets seem to think so: the renminbi has strengthened by a quarter against the American dollar since the package was announced. Economists are less sure: if the package is too severe, China could dive into a recession, but if it is too lax, the runaway growth will continue, and the crash, when it comes, will be even harder. Little wonder that the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong has been *dropping* steadily in the past month, from record highs, and looks to have further to fall.

Hong Kong's businessmen have good reason to be concerned. The Hong Kong economy is more closely tied to China than ever, and economists are already cutting their growth forecasts for the territory to as little as 3 per cent this year. One of the first victims of the credit *squeeze in China may be the* booming Hong Kong property market, which looks overdue for a correction.

The squeeze and the import restrictions will hurt Far Eastern traders such as Inchcape. The group has franchises to import Toyota and Mazda vehicles into China and will be among the first to be hit by the restrictions on car sales. The group does $400 million of trade a year with China, a significant part of its £5 billion turnover.

The British business most exposed to China is HSBC Holdings. The banking group's bad debt provisions in South-East Asia have been almost non-existent recently, but are almost certain to rise sharply. Bad debts will grow even more if Hong Kong property prices slide. Most *City forecasts for HSBC fail* to take this fully into account. Unless further recovery at Midland Bank compensates for downturn in Hong Kong, HSBC is unlikely to fulfil the City's high expectations.



Bank results

AFTER three years of gloom in the banking industry, this summer's interim results season, which begins with Lloyds on Friday, promises to be almost cheerful. A *sharp recovery in profits is* expected, yet another sign that Britain is clawing its way out of recession.

Smith New Court is forecasting that aggregate pre-tax profits for the six main *banks* (Abbey National, Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds, National Westminster and Standard Chartered), will rise by 55 per cent to £2.5 billion. For the first time in years, all the banks should be able to cover their dividends and strengthen reserves.

The surprise is that this improvement is not expected to come from a fall in bad debt provisions. It is expected that these will be little changed at £2.9 billion, since thousands of companies are still failing and property values are still falling. At least, provisions are no longer rising.

Instead, the banks' profit growth will come from a rise in income, enhanced by the *fall in sterling, and their* continuing purge on costs. Profits before bad debts should rise by a fifth.

The banks are emerging from the recession as very different organisations to the ones that entered it. Growth in fee income has left them less exposed to lending risks and not so capital intensive. The application of new technology has made them less labour intensive and allowed them to shed more than 60,000 jobs.

The market's perception of these radical changes has led to the astonishing performance of bank shares in the past nine months. The forthcoming interims should *begin to justify the market's* faith, but the banks must still prove that they can now control the inherent risks of their business as they have so singularly failed to do in the past 20 years.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Name's burnt offering for Lloyd's

From R. C. Dutton-Forshaw

Sir, Lloyd's annual cash gathering from its hard pressed names has come round once again, with these calls required by the end of this month.

Mindful that, after years of cash calls, my financial resources are now somewhat depleted, I have decided to add a codicil to my will. This was also prompted by the recent statement by Lloyd's that some people may be attempting to distance their assets, so hopefully this codicil may help to put their minds at rest. It states that on my demise I am to be cremated with the instruction that my ashes will be sent to Lloyd's with a short message to the effect "that they now have the lot!"

How happy I shall be to go with such a clear conscience!

Yours faithfully,
R. C. DUTTON-FORSHAW,
Pallingham Lock Farm,
Pulborough, Sussex.

Fair play order of the day at Virgin

From Mr Will Whitehorn

Sir, I thought it appropriate to answer the question posed by Mr Tarling (July 19) about the management buyout of Virgin Group Plc in 1988.

After the October 1987 crash, Richard Branson witnessed over 50,000 small shareholders, including friends and recording artistes, losing money on their investment in Virgin, despite the fact the company had only been quoted for less than a year.

Virgin Group was bought back in 1988 for 140p, after 18 months as a quoted company. The shares had traded as low as 83p, reducing Virgin's value by about £100 million. The offer was around 20p higher than independent estimates of the then value and was considered generous. Only public shareholders were allowed to vote and over 90 per cent were in favour of the buyout. Mr Branson stated then that he believed the company was being undervalued by an understandably distracted equity market and that Virgin wished to continue its expansion plan even if we had to sacrifice short-term profits.

Fair play was the order of the day, and since the buyout Virgin has developed its several distinct businesses with an eye to building their long-term brand value in an increasingly international market. As a result, Virgin has become one of the few internationally known new British brands of the last decade.

Yours faithfully,
WILL WHITEHORN
(Corporate Affairs Director),
Virgin Group of Companies,
120 Campden Hill Road, W8.

This notice is issued in compliance with the requirements of The International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland Limited (the "London Stock Exchange"). It does not constitute an invitation to any person to subscribe for or purchase any securities in Britton Group plc (the "Company").

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for all of the existing Ordinary 1p Shares in Britton Group plc and the new Ordinary Shares to be issued pursuant to the acquisition, placing and rights issue (together, the "Proposals") to be admitted to the Official List. Dealings are expected to commence on Monday, 2nd August, 1993.

BRITTON GROUP plc
(Incorporated in England with registered No. 1816646)

Acquisition of Taco Holdings Limited

Placing and Intermediaries Offer
by
Credit Lyonnais Laing
of
197,715,995 new Ordinary Shares at 10p per share
(including 49,429,000 new Ordinary Shares reserved for the Intermediaries Offer)
and
Rights Issue
of
131,810,643 new Ordinary Shares at 10p per share

Share Capital following the Proposals

Authorised			Issued and fully paid	
£	Number		£	Number
6,900,000.00	690,000,000	Ordinary Shares of 1p each	5,138,758.70	513,875,870

The principal activity of the enlarged group is the extrusion of polythene for packaging and hygiene applications.

Copies of listing particulars relating to the Company may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) up to and including 28th July, 1993 from the Company Announcements Office of the London Stock Exchange, Stock Exchange Tower, Capel Court Entrance, off Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 1HP (for collection only) and up to and including 9th August, 1993 from:

Registered Office:	Credit Lyonnais Laing
Britton Group plc	5 Appold Street
27 Britton Street	Broadwalk House
London	London
EC1M 5NQ	EC2A 2DA

26th July 1993

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

PERVENCHE

(c) A shade of light blue, resembling the colour of the flowers of the periwinkle, also attributively or as an adjective, from the French word: "Pervenche and navy are the opposite points of the cold tone of blue."

TEART

(c) Sour pasture, used of pastures containing an excess of molybdenum, a quality in grass, also the diarrhoea suffered by cattle grazing on a teart pasture, dialect variant of *tart*: "This disease, known as parasitic enteritis, is found to be persistently associated with certain pastures (called teart lands in the West of England) upon heavy moisture-retaining soils."

CERATODUS

(b) A popular name for the Australian lungfish, *Neoceratodus forsteri*, belonging to the order Dipteriformes, also, a genus of fossil fish related to this lungfish, from the Greek *keras* a horn + *odous* a tooth: "The ceratodus, a fish with lungs, which, though its fossil remains are scattered over the world, is now confined to two rivers in the south of Queensland, the Mary and the Burnett."

KWEDINI

(a) A native boy, offensive when applied as in old South Africa to a grown man, adapted from the Kaffir *kwenkwendini* the vocative form of *kwenkwen* a boy: "One White trader complained that kwedinis (boys) had destroyed more than 1,000 white telephone-cups."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rd6! 2 Nxd6 (otherwise 2 ... Ra6 mate) 2 ... Qb6 mate.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Trying another insurance line

A LLOYD'S underwriter has found an inventive way to cushion his reversals in the insurance market. Patrick Streeter, of Sturge, has taken refuge in family history, writing a biography of his great grandfather, Edwin Streeter, a colourful and controversial jeweller and company promoter, made his fortune in 1889, when he floated the Burma Ruby Mines on the Stock Exchange. Rothschilds managed its issue and the scrum of applicants in New Court was so great that the then Lord Rothschild had to gain access to his office through a back window. Streeter, who followed the Thomas Lipton method of allocating shares, giving first preference to dukes, then marquesses and so on down the social ladder, also floated the Sapphire and Ruby Company of Montana and the Egyptian Gold and Gem Syndicate. His later ventures ended in disaster when no sapphires were found in Montana, and the one-time owner of the Agra diamond — sold recently for £3.5 million — died in genteel poverty in 1923. His great grandson, who has chronicled his ancestor's life in *Streeter of Bond Street*, has adopted a less risky investment policy. "I have stop-loss and reserves," he says. "But obviously cash flow is tight. I think the book might help."

Taxing problems

TUDOR Gregory, ICI's director of personnel in charge of Eastern Europe, takes a high moral tone on taxation in the latest issue of *Eurocomment*. He writes that with the introduction of Western-style tax policies in Eastern Europe, employees are increasingly pressing companies to protect them from the negative impact of taxation. "One method has been to attempt to increase gross salaries to maintain the value of net payments. We and other companies have rejected the suggestions in the belief that it is wrong for any company to undermine governmental economic strategy, however tough the latter may be," Gregory writes. Rather different from ICI's stand at home where the company battles regularly with the Inland Revenue to maintain its own net income, as last Thursday's High Court ruling in its favour on group relief and the definition of a holding company appears to indicate.

Dim strategy

LONDON Electricity has adopted a rather mysterious promotion strategy. In the summer edition of its glossy consumer leaflet, *Source*, it asserts that "more and more people are switching to Powerkey because of its simplicity and controllability". Neglecting to mention anywhere in the 20-page advertisement exactly what Powerkey is, it nonetheless induces readers to find 25 words associated with this unexplained system — "electronic pre-payment" the company tells me — hidden in a box of letters. But why should anyone feel inclined to work out the puzzle? The first correct entry drawn on November 1 will win "two low-energy light bulbs". The bright spark who thought up this promotional wheeze should check the wattage of the light bulb above his head.



That single European market: Severn Trent reports that business at its Belgian waste subsidiary halved for a time as the great new era dawned, because a Belgian law came into force banning movement of waste within the country from Flanders and Brussels to Wallonia.

Stronger team

HOARE Govett is strengthening its economics research team this autumn with the appointment of Mark Brown, an economist by training, who has ranked number one for UK equity market and sector strategy in the annual Extel survey for three of the past four years. Brown, 30, who has worked for the Treasury and the CBI, is leaving UBS Securities to become Hoare's head of strategy and economics. Nigel Hugh-Smith, Hoare's head of research, says: "This is a key appointment for us. His arrival will mark a significant step forward in the development of Hoare's research capability, and will considerably enhance the focus and direction of our sector and company research." No start date has yet been negotiated, and Brown is still working out his notice at UBS.

Stock watching

BRACE yourselves for the worst investment week of the entire year — at least according to the stockwatcher David Schwartz, whose computer analyses of the performance of FT share indices have led him to conclude that prices fall the furthest during the last week of July. He says that since 1960, average share prices in this week fell by 1.39 per cent — equivalent to 40 points when the FT-SE 100 is standing at 2,850. He also says that between 1960 and 1992, shares have increased their value during this week only 30 per cent of the time. Schwartz, who is to publish his findings in the 1994 *Investor's Diary*, advises that the only way consistently to profit during the last week of July is to bet *against* the market by buying put options. "There are no guarantees in every year of course, but a 70 per cent chance of success is pretty good odds in anyone's book," he says. "But if you do decide to bet against the market next week, be quick about it. Trading conditions for the month of August are generally good." He claims that shares rise by 1.4 per cent on average during August, *making it the year's* fourth-best investment month.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

هكدا من الإصل

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (29189)
7.00 Breakfast News (16135978) **9.05 Thundercats.** *Feline adventures (r)* (1022881)
9.25 Artifax. Series on design, today including a feature on chairs (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6765404)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3445572) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (9312355)
10.25 Lassie. Lassie seeks the mother of a real-life Bambi (r) (3525249)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6432607) **11.05 The High Chaparral.** Classic western adventures (r) (5481201) **11.55 The History Man.** Bryan McNerney goes to Oxborough Hall, Norfolk (r) (7115317)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7089978) **12.05 Amazon.** Captain Cousteau and investigates drug trading in Amazonia (1056775) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (86704607)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (37930)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (72633152)
1.50 Going for Gold. The first of a new series of the popular quiz with European contestants, presented by the personable Henry Kelly (s) (72644268)
2.15 Dallas (r). (Ceefax) (3030713)
3.05 Bazaar. Jan Beaney demonstrates how to create patterns with fabric and paint (2268539)
3.35 Dream Merchants of Asia. The first of three programmes on Asian film-makers reports from Hong Kong (1187648) **4.00 Cartoon** (2553539)
4.10 The Adventures of Skippy (s) (3731510) **4.35 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (1658317)
5.00 Newsround (6943539) **5.10 The Lowdown.** Five boys prepare to take their Common Entrance examination (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (501317). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (355)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (607). **Northern Ireland:** *Neighbours*
7.00 Flying with Dinosaurs. David Attenborough gains an insight into the habits of ancient pterosaurs by looking at living reptiles, bats and birds (r) (7626)
7.30 Young Driver of the Year. Six more regional finalists take to their vehicles. (Ceefax) (591)
8.00 So Haunt Me. Paul A. Mendelson's ghostly comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3046)
8.30 Waiting For God. (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5881)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7107)
9.30 Panorama: The Rape of Justice. Judy is a victim of sexual assault who has forgiven her attacker, but not the judges who sentenced him. She wants the courts to be tougher on criminals and have more concern for victims. John Major says the government has "got the message": But has it? (197423)
10.10 Blott on the Landscape. Part two of the six-part adaptation of Tom Sharpe's quirky novel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (657387). **Northern Ireland:** Songs on a Wall 10.45 Blott on the Landscape 11.40 Come Dancing 1993 12.15-12.45 Making Advances
11.05 Come Dancing 1993. Rosemarie Ford introduces tonight's competition between London South and Manchester. (Ceefax) (s) (376423)



Sexual harassment: Emma Freud (11.40pm)

11.40 Making Advances. See Choice (299930)
12.10-12.15 Weather (8582195)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (5082713)
8.00 Breakfast News (2965249)
8.15 Westminster. Report on Friday's proceedings in the House of Commons and the House of Lords (2948572)
8.30 Collecting Now. John FitzMaurice Mills looks at techniques used by past artists. Today he considers the peculiar materials used to mix tempera paints in medieval times (r) (7898152)
8.50 Cairo Vets. A film about Dorothy Brooke's animal hospital in Cairo, which was founded to save cavalry horses abandoned after the first world war (r). (Ceefax) (7373930)
9.30 German Grand Prix. Highlights of yesterday's Grand Prix from Hockenheim (r) (1266794)
10.20 Thora on the Straight and Narrow. On the final part of her journey with the Angel Voices choir, Thora Hird considers sinful pursuits such as drinking, going to the theatre and over-dressing (4792317)
10.50 Cricket — Fourth Test. England v Australia. Live coverage from Headingley, Leeds (s) (26745065)
1.00 Look Stranger: No Place Like Home. A look at the 3,000 racing pigeons of Skinningrove, north Yorkshire (r) (13593336)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. Animation about a boy whose toys come to life when he is asleep (r) (87567688)
1.30 King Rollo. Animation narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (67764572)
1.35 Cricket: Fourth Test. England v Australia. Further live coverage (s) (57748171). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00** and **3.00. 3.50 News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather
6.30 Gardeners' World. The experts inspect a prize-winning garden behind a council house in Hull (r) (Ceefax) (s) (249)



Role play: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (7.00pm)

7.00 Birthrights. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (5268)
7.30 BBC Proms. The anniversaries of two nationalist composers, Grieg and Tchaikovsky, are marked by tonight's concert introduced by James Naughtie (s) (49507201)
9.40 Small Objects of Desire: The Deodorant. The programme investigates ancient versions of deodorant and the way in which we anaesthetise our armpits nowadays (r). (Ceefax) (609065)
10.00 KYTV: God Alone Knows. Comedy series set in a satellite television station (r) (s) (49626)
10.30 Newsnight. Analysis of issues in today's news. Presented by Francine Stock. (Ceefax) (227423)
11.15 Cricket — Fourth Test: England v Australia. Highlights of the day's play introduced by Richie Benaud (s) (354201) **11.55 Weatherview** (109030)
12.00-12.55 Age and Identity. An investigation of the way we *think about our role in the community and* society's influence in making us feel old (3398176)

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode™ numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+™ handset. VideoPlus+ can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPlus on 0839 121204 (calls charged at 48p per minute peak, 36p off-peak) or write to VideoPlus+, Acornex Ltd, 5 Ivory House, Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TN. VideoPlus+ (™), Pluscode (™) and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemstar Marketing Ltd.

CHOICE



In Stone Age Indonesia: Norman Lewis (C4, 9.00pm)

Travellers' Tales: The Time Traveller
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The octogenarian travel writer Norman Lewis indulges his taste for inaccessible places by visiting the Irian Jaya region of Indonesia. The sub-title of the film is *Back to the Stone Age* and boldly going where few Europeans have gone before Lewis is soon in a culture of mud huts, bows and arrows and, despite a government ban on the practice, cannibalism. But Lewis is no candidate for the cooking pot. Nor is he prepared to condemn the way of life of remote people largely untouched by the twentieth century. Lewis saves his criticism for the American multinational which has established a huge copper mine on top of a mountain and is prepared to disappoint native people hoping for a share of the proceeds.

Global Image: Salvation
Channel 4, 11.00pm

A feature-length documentary from India follows the daily routine of poor widows who are seeking salvation through prayer at Vrindavan, the supposed birthplace of the god Krishna. They pray for eight hours a day and in return receive a meagre gift of grain and money. In between they talk to the camera about their plight. The word fate occurs frequently. These women have had rotten lives, arranged *marriages, bereavement, illness and poverty. Some* have fallen out with their children. But they accept that fate has decreed it and are content to use their religion as a balm. Some may also see that religion as a means of legitimising the status quo. But it may be wrong to judge other cultures by the standards of our own.

Birthrights: The African Suite
BBC2, 7.00pm

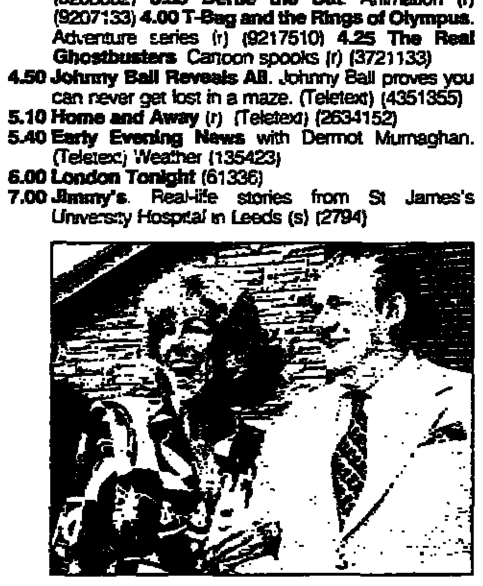
No pieces by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor are featured in the 1993 Proms but at the turn of the century he was the most popular concert-hall composer in Britain. Indeed it is claimed here that he was the first English-born composer to have an international reputation for 200 years. Coleridge-Taylor, *remarkably,* was black, the son of a doctor who returned to Africa after being rejected in his profession. Surviving the twin handicaps of race and poverty the boy entered the Royal College of Music at 15, reached the top of his profession in his early twenties and became a popular focus for blacks in the United States. He died, young, of pneumonia. An informative portrait includes extracts from some of his characteristic works.

Making Advances: The Nature of the Beast
BBC1, 11.40pm

Emma Freud presents a sensible and much-needed series on sexual harassment at work. At pains to refute *the notion that the phenomenon is something invented* by a handful of strident feminists, the programme is also even-handed enough to concede that it can happen to men as well as women. But most victims are female and surveys suggest that the practice is widespread. A Mori poll found that 30 per cent of women workers are affected, while other estimates run *much higher.* Two young victims *reveal* how their lives were made miserable by continual harassment but lost their jobs when they tried to complain. The cases highlight the difficulty of getting redress, though both women eventually won damages. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Featuring "Breakfast on the Beach" from Great Yarmouth with Sister Sledge (59108959)
8.45 Parkin's In . . . Tune! Simon Parkin presents a new series for the summer holidays (7385775)
9.25 The Edge. The first in a series of programmes for teenagers in London presented by Denise Douglas and model Cassius (s) (5352133)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4708978)
10.00 Elfego Baca. A flirtatious wife frames her husband for murder (3493064) **10.55 News** (7926317)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Cartoon escapades (7936794)
11.25 Win, Lose or Draw. First of a new game show series in which celebrities draw pictures to get their message across. With Danny Baker (7939881) **11.55 London Today** (7133713) **12.00 Cartoon** (3394930) **12.10 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2556591)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Carol Barnes and Nicholas Owen. (Teletext) Weather (7853268) **1.05 London Today** (17652881)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (980404) **1.45 A Country Practice** (s) (989775)
2.15 Capital Woman: For the last in the series, a compilation of highlights (s) (904084) **2.45 Families** (s) (4537030)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3647336) **3.15 London Today** (3646607)
3.20 The Young Doctors (2156133) **3.50 Cartoon** (9208862) **3.55 Bertie the Bat.** Animation (r) (9207133) **4.00 T-Bag and the Rings of Olympus.** Adventure series (r) (9217510) **4.25 The Real Ghostbusters** Cartoon spooks (r) (3721133)
4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All. Johnny Ball proves you can never get lost in a maze. (Teletext) (4351355)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2634152)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (135423)
6.00 London Tonight (61336)
7.00 Jimmy's. Real-life stories from St James's University Hospital in Leeds (s) (2794)



House-hunting: Nicholls and Mosley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Alf (Bryan Mosley) and Audrey (Sue Nicholls) look for somewhere to live. (Teletext) (959)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Gameshow hosted by Nicky Campbell (1442)
8.30 World in Action: Car Crazy. The investigative series examines government road-building plans and the threat to countryside (s) (7249)
9.00 Frank Stubbs Promotes. Timothy Spall as the hangdog promoter in this enjoyable new comedy series. Frank meets a famous psychic (Dora Bryan). (Teletext) (s) (6607)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (36152) **10.30 London Tonight** (955571)
10.40 Sport in Question. With guests former Spurs *manager, Terry Venables, boxer Chris Eubank and* from ITV Sport, Gary Newbon (323046)
11.40 Magnum with Tom Selleck (342591)
12.30 The Beat. Featuring music by Bjork (s) (34244)
1.30 Sport A.M. Includes golf highlights from the Dutch Open (17060) **2.30 60 Minutes** (37398) **3.30 Videofashion.** The new Paris season (84737)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Includes an interview with former James Bond, Roger Moore (r) (s) (65602)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (67911) **5.00 Riviera** (12973)
5.30 ITN Morning News (34534). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cat cartoon (1542978)
6.45 Ovide Animation (9397591)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (50881)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American teen comedy Aliens invade Bayside (13201)
9.30 Star Street. Animation about the zodiac (r) (6921713)
9.55 Hammerman. Hammer tackles graffiti (r) (6906404)
10.25 Pugwall. The 13-year-old attempts to start a rock group (r) (4719084)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. The hero battles with desperadoes (r) (5629171)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Ted wants to sign up with Wheeler to get a job, but he is dissuaded by Morgan (r) (7938152)
11.50 Pete Smith Specialties: Aeronautics. A 1941 film takes a comic look at flight (8158607)
12.00 High 5 Extreme sporting action (r) (33065)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series with guest Paul Simon (r) (89423)
1.30 Sandokan. Animation. The tigerish one makes an unwelcome return (r) (43930)
2.00 Film: Trouble Brewing (1939, b/w). Harmless comedy with the ukelele man George Formby as a newspaper printer who turns private eye to track down counterfeiters Co-starring Googie Withers and Gus MacNaughton. Directed Anthony Kimmins (647317)
3.35 Lancashire Coast A short film from 1955 explores the countryside around Morecambe (5922775)
3.55 A Gardener's Guide. John Huntley suggests the best ways to grow clematis, known as the queen of climbers (r). (Teletext) (3986881)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (572)
5.00 Kingdom of the Plains: Birds of a Feather. Documentary about the red-billed quelea finch, which lives in Africa and consumes vast numbers of insects after it hatches (r) (Teletext) (9607)
6.00 Children's Ward. Hospital drama. Matthew is lost without Lisa (r) (715)
6.30 The Wonder Years Kevin tries to help an acrimonious couple (r) (Teletext) (317)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (575220)
7.50 Comment Tony Murphy, a homosexual police officer, calls for a new understanding between police and the gay community (182152)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside drama series. Mick is becoming increasingly insecure. (Teletext) (s) (9084)



Kick-off: coach Burt Reynolds (8.30pm)

8.30 Evening Shade. New series of the comedy in which Burt Reynolds swallows his pride to play an *unglamorous, has-been footballer, Wood Newton.* He also directed tonight's episode in which Wood objects to his son marrying in secret (s) (8591)
9.00 Travellers' Tales: The Time Traveller. See Choice (4249)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. More in the drama series about race relations. With Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (7336)
11.00 Global Image: Salvation. See Choice (57065)
12.30 Nights of Revolution. Series based on the writings of Nicolas Restif de la Bretonne. The Owl, Restif, sees the Revolution being manipulated. In French with English subtitles (r) (1331008). Ends at **1.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **2.15-2.45** De Medici Kitchen (904084) **5.10-5.40** Champions (2634152) **6.00** Home and Away (915862) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (467442) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (543862) **11.10** Crime Story (494268) **12.05am** Special Report (7772355) **12.35** Kojak (3431621) **1.30** Sport AM (17060) **2.30** Donahue (4357553) **3.25** The Beat (8470992) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39628244) **4.30** Riviera (67911) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm** Central News (17652881) **1.15** A Country Practice (980404) **1.45** Home And Away (989775) **2.15-2.45** Right Or Wrong (904084) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2156133) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2634152) **6.00** Home and Away (915862) **6.25-7.00** Central News (467442) **10.30** Central News (955571) **10.40** Film: Hardcastle And McCormick (42433133) **12.20am** The Coca Cola International Triathlon (1252992) **1.25** The Beat (3819605) **2.25** Musical Routes (6646840) **2.55** 60 Minutes (1984843) **3.45** Job Finder (8353114) **5.05** Take 15 (2993824) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6499319)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (17652881) **1.45** Blockbusters (989775) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (904084) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (61336) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (955571) **10.40** The Andy Sheppard Wrap (543862) **11.10** Love At First Sight (428220) **11.40** The War Of The Worlds (748626) **12.35am-1.30** Kojak (3431621) **2.30** Donahue (4357553) **3.25** The Beat (8470992) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39628244) **4.30** Riviera (67911) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (12973)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News (17652881) **6.00** Wales at Six (423) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (775) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (955571) **10.40-11.40** Herts and Sons (323046)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News & Weather (17652881) **2.15-2.45** Fit To Win (904 8) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now. (2156133) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (423) **6.30-7.00** Nature and Wildlife (775) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (955571) **10.40** Billy (543862) **11.10** Christchurch By-Election (428220) **11.40** The Equalizer (342591) **12.30am-1.30** The Beat (34244) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (12973)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (87577085) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (87574978) **1.45-2.45** Murder, She Wrote (9702317) **3.15-3.20** Tyne Tees News (3646607) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (365249) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (775) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (955571) **10.40** A Woman's Place (543862) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (494268) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (7772355) **12.35** Film: Theo Against The Rest Of The World (394621) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (37398) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (32643) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (68282)

ULSTER
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm-1.15** UTV Live (17652881) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (904084) **3.20-3.50** The Littlest Hobo (2156133) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live At Six (61336) **10.30** UTV Live (955571) **10.40** Spitting Back (543862) **11.10** Married...With Children (428220) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (748626) **12.35am-1.30** Kojak (3431621) **2.30** Donahue (4357553) **3.25** The Beat (8470992) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39628244) **4.30** Film: Riviera (67911) **5.00** Jobs

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5352133) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (17652881) **1.45** The Young Doctors (989775) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (904084) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2156133) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (61336) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (955571) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (543862) **11.15** Island Son (493539) **12.10am** New Candid Camera (1884716) **12.35-1.30** Kojak (3431621) **2.30** Donahue (4357553) **3.25** The Beat (8470992) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39628244) **4.30** Riviera (67911) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (50881) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (13201) **9.30** Sandokan (6921713) **9.55** Batman And Robin (5030238) **10.10** Panasonic Audio Rock School (3480510) **11.05** The Adventures Of Tintin (7933607) **11.30** The Henderson Kids (7220) **12.00pm** Take Five (33065) **12.30** Sesame Street (89423) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (43930) **2.00** Film: Nob Hill (236238) **3.40** Adele And The Ponies Of Ardmore (1284189) **3.55** A Gardener's Guide (3986881) **4.30** The Wonder Years (572) **5.00** Countdown (4012) **5.30** Brookside (152) **6.00** Newyddion (368930) **6.10** Heno (753626) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4256) **7.30** Hollol Bananas (201) **8.00** Mewn Twll (9084) **8.30** Newyddion (177751) **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (314201) **9.30** Cheers (64423) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (857305) **10.55** Travellers' Tales (310572) **11.55** Dream On (211152) **12.25am** Old Faces (3630495)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (4306775) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8238713) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (15969713) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (27733) **10.00** Card Sharks (5212688) *10.25 Concentration* (8810404) *10.50 Dynamo Duck* (2935607) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (46864) **12.00** E Street (66317) **12.30pm** Three's Company (17539) **1.00** Falcon Crest (77274) **2.00** Captains and the Kings (48572) **3.00** Another World (7765862) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5693423) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8997) **6.00** Games World (5539) **6.30** E Street (9591) **7.00** Rescue (9526) **7.30** *Full House* (5775) **8.00** North and South (59539) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38046) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (94249)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (61572) **6.30** News and Business Report (296220) **9.30** Roving Report (91355) **10.30** Memories (40133) **11.30** Business Report (77065) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (51249) **1.30** CBS This Morning (52978) **2.30** Parliament Live (79662) **3.30** Parliament Live (71591) **4.30** News and Business Report (2688) **5.00** Live at Five (7404) **7.30** Special Report (3317) **9.30** Talkback (95317) **11.30** CBS News (61317) **12.30am** Special Report (13076) **1.30** CBS News (60176) **2.30** Memories (71621) **3.30** CBS News (63465) **4.30** Special Report (86422) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (98756)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2547152)
10.00 The Rocketeer (1991): Bill Campbell plays the comic book hero (11355)
12.00 The Last Escape (1970): Stuart Whitman attempts to smuggle a rocket scientist out of Germany (62775)
2.00pm A Twist of Sand (1968): Richard Johnson leads the hunt for diamonds in Africa. With Honor Blackman (52626)
4.00 Aces High (1976): First world war drama with Malcolm McDowell and Christopher Plummer (3201)
6.00 The Rocketeer (as 10am) (32862)
8.00 The Haunted (1991): Demonic forces invade the home of Sally Kirkland and Jeffrey DeMunn (28731317)
9.40 UK Top Ten (777065)
10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991). Dolph Lundgren and Brandon Lee fight the Yakuza in Los Angeles (3757862)
11.20 The Runestone (1991): *Peter Riegert* tracks a Nordic monster through the streets of New York (584997)
1.05am Betrayal of Silence (1989): Meg Foster investigates the death of a girl in a home for teenagers (240737)
2.45 Rage of Honour (1987): Martial arts adventure with Sho Kosugi (367060)
4.15 In Gold We Trust (1990): Jan-Michael Vincent returns to the Vietnam jungle in search of treasure (356244). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Captain Blood (1935, b/w): Swashbuckler starring Errol Flynn (30442)
8.00 Paternity (1981): Burt Reynolds hires Beverly D'Angelo to bear him a son (19959)
10.00 The Wicker Man (1973): Edward Woodward encounters paganism on a Scottish island (863510). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Sleeping Beauty: Classic fairy-tale starring Morgan Fairchild (71012)
8.00 Young Survivors (1982) Three children are stranded aboard a shipwreck (60794)
10.00 Submarine Command (1951): Starring William Holden (37448626)
11.35 Irma la Douce (1963): Billy Wilder comedy starring Jack Lemmon as the gendarme who falls in love with prostitute Shirley MacLaine (84113997)
2.00pm Situation Hopeless — But Not Serious (1965): German clerk Alec Guiness captures American pilots Robert Redford and Mike Connors (50268)
4.00 Young Survivors (as 8am) (4171)
6.00 Vestige of Honour (1990): A former Green Beret returns to Thailand to keep a promise. Starring Gerald McRaney (30404)
8.00 Crooked Hearts (1991) Tense drama about an American family. Starring Peter Berg and Peter Coyote (42249)
10.00 Casualties of War (1989): Brian DePalma's Vietnam drama starring Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn (324171)
11.55 Obsessed (1992). Shannen Doherty ruthlessly pursues William Devane (200572)
1.30am Hitler's Daughter (1990): Drama with Melody Anderson (59060)
3.00 Targets (1968): A sniper sets his sights on Boris Karloff (65963)
4.30 Vestige of Honour (as 6pm) (36909) Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (14779) **7.00** Tennis: US Women's Open (617539) **9.30** Prime Bodies (70607) **10.00** Irish Open Snooker (589442) **1.00pm** Uefa U-18 Football (64274) **2.00** World Sports Special (8210) **2.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (1794) **3.00** Irish Open Snooker (965713) **6.00** Wrestling Challenge (82442) **7.00** Horse Racing (69862) **8.30** *Trucks 'n' Tractor Power* (9881) **9.00** Canadian Open Tennis (83510) **11.00** Superstars Team Challenge (38607) **12.00**-**2.30am** Golf: British Senior Open (688263)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (26862) **8.00** IAAF Athletics (98881) **9.00** Athletics: Century Games (25794) **10.00** Motor Racing: German Grand Prix (85539) **12.00** Motorsport (88626) **1.00pm** Tour de France (97862) **3.00** Tennis: Mercedes Cup (13171) **5.00** Motor Racing: German Grand Prix (5065) **6.00** Eurofun (7591) **6.30** News (1171) **7.00** ATP Tennis (27591) **9.00** Boxing (35355) **10.00** Eurogoals (96442) **11.00** Eurogolf (23775) **12.00-12.30am** News (19263)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (8946171) **7.30** *Neighbours (8932978)* **8.00** *Sons and* Daughters (2857881) **8.30** EastEnders (2858152) **9.00** The Bill (2847404) **9.30** The Pallisers (7260220) **10.30** South of the Border (4571152) **11.30** Rhoda (3088152) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2867268) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9821978) **1.00** EastEnders (8945442) **1.30** The Bill (9620249) **2.00** *George and Mildred* (2929317) **2.30** Shelley (5894775) **3.00** Dallas (3099268) **4.00** Dynasty (3078775) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2943997) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5898591) **6.00** Neighbours (5895404) **6.30** The Pallisers (6138336) **7.30** George and Mildred (5815268) **8.00** EastEnders (2932881) **8.30** Shelley (2928688) **9.00** South of the Border (9285341) **10.00** The Bill (2868997) **10.30** *Naked Video* (2844317) *11.00 Top of the Pops* (7628143) **11.45** Dr Who (8737084) **12.15am** Film: Passion (1954, b/w) starring Cornel Wilde and Yvonne De Carlo (5068008) **1.45-2.00** Video Bites (42472379)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (48171) **7.00** Ratkan *II* (97959) **9.00** Summer Holiday Specials (978152) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (96510) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (95930) **1.00pm** Summer Holiday Specials (62249) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9152) **3.00** Babar (2847133) **3.25** Ratkan II (50511317) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (1404) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4828) **6.00-7.00** Fame (24442)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Justice and Power in *King Lear*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents music, news and weather. Including Couperin (Suite de symphonie en trio, Les Nations: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Balakirev (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor, Op 1: Malcolm Binns; English Northern Philharmonia under David Lloyd Jones); Mendelssohn (Overture for wind instruments, Op 24: LSO under Claudio Abbado); Falla (Four Dances, The Three Cornered Hat: Montreal SO under Dutoit)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Vaughan Williams and Holst — Toward the Unknown Region. Alain Frogley presents Vaughan Williams (In the Fen Country); Holst (Somerset Rhapsody); Vaughan Williams (Is my team ploughing, *On Wenlock Edge*); Holst (Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Group 2); Holst (Dirge for two Veterans); Vaughan Williams (Dirge for two Veterans, Dona Nobis Pacem)
10.15 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D: Igor Oistrakh); Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)
11.45 Prom Artist of the Week: The Finnish soprano Karita Mattila, with the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner, sings Mozart (In quali eccessi . . . ; Mi tradì quell' alma ingrata, Don Giovanni); Canteloube (Bailero, Songs of the Auvergne)
12.00 First Among Originals: Nicholas Anderson marks the fortieth anniversary of Nikolaus Harnoncourt's Vienna Concentus Musicus. Monteverdi (Toccata, Orfeo); Legrenzi (Sonata à 4, La Cetra); Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in C, RV449); Monteverdi (*Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda*); Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in E minor, RV484; Concerto in G minor, RV157)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Incomparable Signor Corelli: Ensemble 415 performs a selection of Corelli's sonatas and the complete *Concerti da chiesa*
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The final day of the fourth Test at Headingley
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev, with Karita Mattila, soprano, performs Stravinsky (Petrushka — 1911 version). **8.10** Grieg at Troldhaugen. Richard Baker visits the composer's house. **8.30** Grieg (Solveig's Song; Solveig's Lullaby; A Swan; I Love You); Tchaikovsky (Suite *No 3 in G*)
9.40 Young Americans: Tim O'Grady visits the United States to discover its young writers. In this programme, *From the Sea,* he talks to Mark Richard, a fisherman, then a private eye and now a writer (r)
10.05 Debut: Mark Ponthus, piano, plays Boulez (12 Notations; Piano Sonata No 3)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: See Choice
11.30 Music Restored: Sara Stowe, soprano/harpsichord, and Matthew Spring, vielle/guitar, *perform works by Corrette,* Couperin, Borjon de Scellery and Borde **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Archive Feature: Simon Fanshawe delves *into the BBC* sound archive **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Live Wires, with Richard Coles and Emma Freud
10.00-10.30 Questions of Taste (FM only), with Chris Kelly
10.00 News: Daily Service (LW *only*) *from Chelmsford* Cathedral
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Joshua. Read by Leo McKern (3/4) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Oleta Adams; asks why women are blamed for epidemics; and looks at Aboriginal culture. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am.
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1993: First semi-final — the Home *Counties and the South of* England. Chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Hay Fever: The classic Noël Coward comedy about a weekend with unexpected guests. Starring Judi Dench, Michael Williams and Geoffrey Palmer (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to the Mexican-American flautist *Elena Duran*
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews a new production of *Tristan and Isolde* from the Bayreuth Festival; visits an exhibition of Zimbabwean sculpture in Cambridge; and talks to the composer Michael Nyman
4.45 Short Story: Tears the World Does Not See, by Anton Chekhov. Read by Michael Kilgarriff
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, with Willie Rushton, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer. Humphrey Lyttelton is in the chair (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Straw. Melissa Murray's play explores the pressures of working in the health service for husband-and-wife GPs David (Stephen Moore) and Eleanor (Phyllis Logan). Their marriage is *under strain,* but ironically it is David's success rather than failure that proves to be the final straw
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Martin Webber **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. The Cost of Living Like This, by James Kennaway. Read by Ian McDiarmid (1/10)
11.00 You Heart It Here First: Up the Garden Path, by Sue Limb. *Starring Imelda Staunton as* Izzy (final part) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Mick Jagger's 50! *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Biographer Philip Norman brings some semblance of shape to a jumble of impressions that is Radio 2's tribute to the most famous Rolling Stone of them all. He detects a worm of insecurity, reticence and caution gnawing away inside the semi-centenarian. The programme itself does not come up with much evidence to support this worm's eye view. On the contrary, it presents a picture of a supremely self-confident entertainer, though far less of a subversive influence than other biographers proclaim him to be.

Book, Music and Lyrics. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
Although Robert Cushman is not totally sold on *Crazy for You,* the Gershwin musical currently playing to capacity houses in London, it makes a bouncy springboard for his new series of anthologies of songs from the shows. Some of the musicals are re-assembly jobs. *Crazy for You* began life as *Girl Crazy,* though other Gershwin numbers were added to it. *Jelly's Last Jam* was constructed from Jelly Roll Morton hits. In Cushman's dictionary, the words old and new are cautiously defined. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00am** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Making Advances. Sexual harassment at work **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Mick Jagger's 50! See Choice **10.00** The Joint is Jumpin' **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with *Jazz Notes* **1.00** *Steve Madden* **3.00-5.00am** *Alex Lester*

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Crinkles, by Chris Barlas (1/4) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.10pm** Summer Sport **7.15** The Dragonosaurus, by Berlie Doherty **7.30** Wicked Words (r) **8.00** Partnerships (r) **8.30** Fanshawe on Five **9.30** The Collection: Easy Terms, by Mark Davies Markham **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *News and Press Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf. A Woman of the Pharisees **5.45** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** The Pope's Decisions **8.00** News **8.30** The Odd Couple **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** The Power Behind the Throne **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.01** The Pope's Divisions **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Composer of the Month. The Burgundians **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: A Woman of the Pharisees **3.45** Party Party **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** The Essential Guides to Music **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.30** My Music **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** News **3.30** *Brain of Britain* **4.00** *News* **4.10** *News About Britain* **4.15** *Sport*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Litolff (Concerto Sinfonique No 3 in E flat, Op 45) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert: Mozart (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, K525); Haydn (Horn Concerto No 1 in D); Rodrigo (Fantasia para un Gentilhombre) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9. WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND HEATHER ALSTON

Her fourth birthday may well be her last, but she isn't ill.



She's poor.

In countries like The Gambia, one in four children die before their fifth birthday. The diseases they suffer from differ. But the cause is almost always the same.
Poverty.
ACTIONAID is working in some of the poorest areas of the world to end this cycle of despair. Helping local communities to provide clean water, education, health, nutrition, food production and a means to generate their own income.
Sponsor a child like Nyana and you'll be helping her, her family and her whole community. A photograph and regular reports keep you in touch. You will receive messages from the child and can write if you wish. By giving just £15 a month you'll make all the difference to the life of a child like Nyana.

Sponsor a child. Please.

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a child and enclose my first contribution.
☐ £15 (monthly) ☐ £180 (yearly)
☐ I can't sponsor a child now, but enclose a gift of
☐ £200 ☐ £100 ☐ £50 ☐ £25 ☐ £
☐ Please send me more details about child sponsorship BLOCK CAPS
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)
Address
Postcode
Telephone
Make cheques/P.O.s payable to ACTIONAID, and send to ACTIONAID, Chataway House, Leach Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1FA
ACTIONAID
Registered Charity No 274467 14430

RESULTS THIS WEEK 33

ZENECA WILL PUT ICI IN THE SHADE ON PROFITS

BUSINESS

JOBS HUNT 34

BRITAIN TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT WORKFARE

MONDAY JULY 26 1993

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

Football clubs warned on tax

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL clubs could face back tax bills totalling as much as £20 million and some may be pushed to the brink of bankruptcy as the Revenue clamps down on tax avoidance in soccer, according to Touche Ross, the accountant.

Football has a poor reputation for keeping its tax affairs in order, and tax difficulties are believed to be widespread. Touche Ross is urging clubs to put their affairs in order immediately, particularly PAYE systems, saying that few clubs will escape a visit from the tax man. The Inland Revenue has set up two units monitoring the professional and the semi-professional game.

Richard Baldwin, a partner at Touche Ross, said that £20 million was a broad estimate total worked out from Touche Ross's experience in handling clubs' tax affairs. Some Football League and Premier League clubs could face bills for tens of thousands of pounds when Revenue penalties are included. Mr Baldwin said: "For some clubs in the first and second divisions, £100,000 in back tax would take quite a lot of meeting."

One widespread problem concerns payments to match day staff, whose numbers have grown with increased safety requirements at football grounds. These employees are often treated as casual staff, and clubs have traditionally paid them cash in hand on the day. The Inland Revenue is looking at this to make sure that clubs deduct PAYE and National Insurance contributions. Mr Baldwin said that there had been cases where clubs had made the deductions but not passed them to the Inland Revenue.

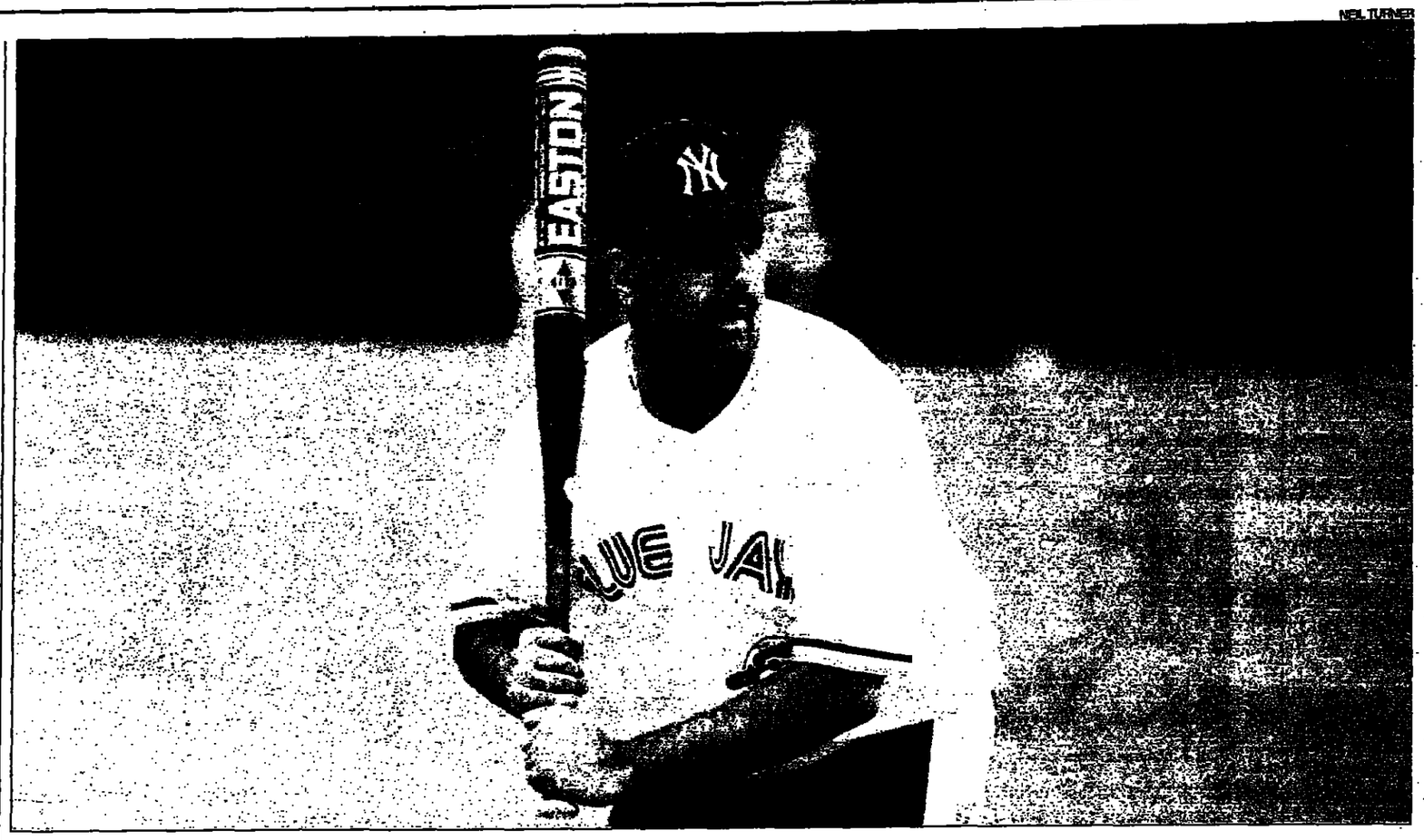
A typical example could be a club with 25 home matches a season treating 200 match day staff as casuals. The club could find itself having to pay back tax and National Insurance contributions over a six-year period, giving them a bill of perhaps £165,000, with penalties and interest in addition.

Other widespread tax problems include cash payments to players and managers from which tax and national insurance has not been deducted and the receipt of expenses and benefits such as complimentary tickets, interest-free loans and cars to players, staff and directors.

Touche Ross said that clubs often paid expenses as "round sum allowances", which the taxman regarded as disguised salary. "The rules are very strict about what expenses and benefits must be reported to the Inland Revenue and if forms are not completed accurately, then penalties will be levied," the firm said.

It is recommending that clubs prepare their figures and get ready to negotiate with the Revenue, a pre-emptive approach that has often led to reductions in settlements.

The Revenue has been targeting semi-professional clubs since the early 1980s and has stepped up monitoring of the professional game over the past 18 months.



Lehman's Demons triumph

Charity hit: Sunil Arora, the captain of Lehman Brothers' softball team — the Lehman Demons, and the as yet undefeated champions — on his way to victory in the annual Hill Samuel Investment Management Group softball cup tournament that was held over three nights at Regent's Park, in London, and at which money is raised for charity. The tournament was fought out between ten teams, made up of 12 players each, that included British and American merchant bankers and stockbrokers, some of whom were given an afternoon off by their senior directors to practice. Team names included The Rotweilers (NM Rothschild), Beech Street Hillbillies (Hill Samuel), and TJ All Stars (Williams de Broe). Richard Bernays, chief executive of Hill Samuel Investment Management Group, who organised the event for the third year running, said yesterday that £15,000 had been raised for the Cancer Research Campaign from the event.

Bundesbank key to ERM survival

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Rising German inflation rates and massive internal strains on the European monetary system may force the Bundesbank into a painful compromise**

THE governments of France and Germany are bracing themselves today for more turbulence in the currency markets, which remained tense at the end of last week, in spite of an enormous defence operation mounted to save the franc's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism.

This week could be the crunch for the system. There were no overt weekend developments, either in the form of a special meeting of the European monetary committee — which has to agree on any big changes to the ERM — or any soothing words from any Bundesbank council members on their interest rate intentions. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, urged the government to pressGermany into cutting rates.

It became clear last week that the currency markets would regard anything less than a full point cut in the German discount rate at the Bundesbank's council meeting on Thursday as insufficient to bail out the franc. But annual German cost of living inflation for July is forecast to rise to 4.3 per cent, from 4.2 per cent in June, in figures due out this week. This, together with the latest 7.1 per cent increase in annual M3 money supply growth, would make it difficult for the German central bank to sanction a cut of such proportions on domestic monetary grounds.

Nevertheless, some experienced Bundesbank watchers believe that the political commitment to the ERM is great enough for the central bank to compromise this week. The political pressure is clearly mounting, with Edouard Balladur, France's prime minister, threatening to resign if the franc is forced out of the ERM. Allan Saunderson, editor of *The Old Continent*, the Frankfurt-based newsletter, which tracks Bundesbank policy, believes that, if severe pressure remains on the franc today, the central bank will be "more inclined to cut interest rates than not".

Since last September, the Bundesbank has proved itself willing to compromise on its domestic agenda, and its anti-inflationary credibility, in order to stave off speculation against the ERM and, Bundesbank observers believe, is more so now that Hans Tietmeyer, the deputy president who takes over the top job in the autumn, is effectively running the bank. He was reported to have been in favour of larger official rate cuts at the start of this month but was opposed by Helmut Schlesinger, the current president, and at least two regional central bank presidents.

In spite of Germany's inflation problem, there are arguments the Bundesbank could make to justify lower rates to save the ERM. For example, it could argue that lower interest rates would do less harm to monetary policy than substantial intervention in support of the franc, which swells M3 money supply.

If the Bundesbank cuts rates this week, the franc is likely to remain in the system, but dealers predict a torrid summer for the currency. One consolation is the apparent absence of the large New York hedge funds, which speculated so successfully against sterling last autumn. George Soros reiterated his view on Saturday that the franc would be saved and still believes that, if floated, it would appreciate, making it a less than ideal speculative target.

Leading article, page 15
Tempus, page 34

Heseltine ponders demerger of gas

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine will this week receive a 1,000-page report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission detailing proposals for the future of the gas industry.

The President of the Board of Trade will have more than two months in which to decide how best to balance his belief that competition secures the best deal for the consumer, with an equally strong conviction that the United Kingdom needs strong national champions to succeed overseas.

A separation of the core transmission business of British Gas from the company's gas sales and appliance activities has already been pledged by Robert Evans, the company's soon-to-depart chairman. But it will be for Mr Heseltine and his fellow ministers, drawing upon the MMC findings, to decide whether the group, one of Britain's biggest companies, should be obliged to demerge its sales activities.

The impact of a split on British Gas profits would not be crippling. Competitors already have 57 per cent of the industrial market. But it would raise social questions about continuation of uniform pricing for household customers and, the company says, make it more difficult to ensure uninterrupted supplies. For an unpopular government with a slim majority, caution may take precedence over valour.

British Gas has already launched a multi-million pound advertising campaign against pressures for a break-up. Its message is unequivocal: British Gas is the world's leading gas company, well placed to cash in on a global expansion of gas usage, provided it is not emasculated by dogmatic free marketeers at home.

Maxwell fees of £100m vex MPs

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

A REPORT to be issued today by the House of Commons select committee investigating the collapse of the Maxwell empire will express its "extreme concern" that legal and accounting fees associated with the collapse might exceed £100 million.

Fees to date have totalled £51.6 million, and the committee will note that November 6 marks the second anniversary of Robert Maxwell's death, and that pensioners are still waiting.

The report, by the social security select committee, which is chaired by Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, will include criticism of individual firms, whose level of fees gives the committee cause for concern.

Firms that will be named in today's report include Buchler Phillips, the specialist insolvency practice that was hired by Mirror Group Newspapers to take charge of Robert Maxwell's personal estate, and Nabarro Nathanson, its lawyers. Robson Rhodes, the accountant, Stephenson Harwood, the firm of lawyers, Arthur Andersen, Allen and Overy, Price Waterhouse and Norton Rose will also feature.

David Shaw, Conservative MP for Dover, said the committee has been concerned at the level of fees built up in administering and liquidating the Maxwell estate, noting that when Parliament reconvenes in November, it will be two years since Robert Maxwell's death, which, he said, begs the question "where have we got to?".

The irritation of the select committee that fees to date of £51.6 million could eventually rise to more than £110 million will add to the pressure on the government to consider faster methods of dealing with insolvent companies, and thereby speed the payment time.

The highest individual fee in the report covers £24.7 million to Price Waterhouse, though it has been pointed out that the sum includes court and other legal work carried out in America.

Rivers channels talents into selling



Rivers: switched on

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

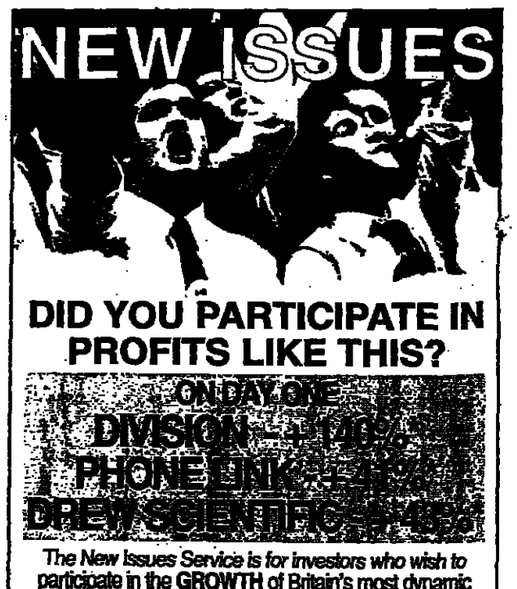
JOAN Rivers, the American comedienne and mistress of the biting wit, is leaving it all behind to exercise her talents to sell, sell, sell.

Ms Rivers, who has hosted a successful talk show for four years, winning an Emmy in 1990, will launch a new syndicated television cable channel show this autumn called: Can We Shop? — a play on the title of her former chat show Can We Talk.

On Thursday, QVC, America's largest shopping channel, announced it has renewed its contract for The Joan Rivers Classics Collection of jewellery, with exclusive rights for the UK, Mexico, Canada and the US. Through an agreement with BSkyB, one of the largest pay television services in Europe, QVC will launch a UK shopping channel on October 1. A spokesman said: "The final details of what we will carry in the UK have yet to be worked out, but there is a possibility that Joan will be on it." QVC has also launched a $1.1 billion merger proposal for Home Shopping Network, its US rival, which will give it almost 98 per cent of the American shopping by television market.

Ms Rivers has just struck a $13 million, 30-year deal with Regal Communications, which produces the sales pitch television programmes known as infomercials.

Ms Rivers, aged 57, says: "I hope I live long enough to collect."



DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN PROFITS LIKE THIS?

ON DAY ONE
DIVISION +
PHONE LINK +
DREW SCIENTIFIC +

The New Issues Service is for investors who wish to participate in the GROWTH of Britain's most dynamic companies. Subscribers receive:-

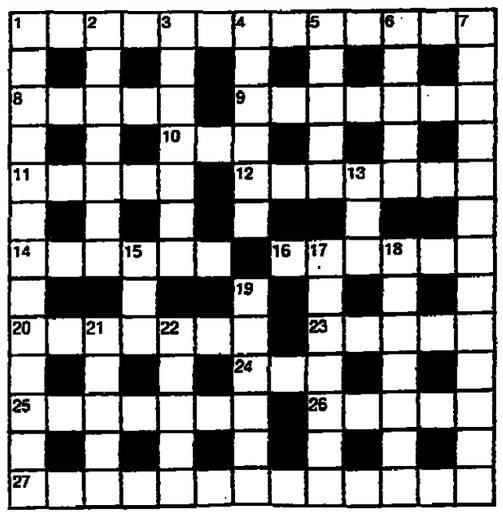
- Bulletins on companies coming to the market
- How to participate, and prospectus service
- Privileged dealing terms
- Regular updates on new issues
- Hotline number for further information

For a FREE Information Pack and sample report, complete and return the coupon below.
* Source Reuters, prices at close of business.

FIMBRA HARGREAVES LANSDOWN ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD
Embassy House, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1SB

Please send me a Free Information Pack and sample New Issues Report
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) .....
Address .....
..... Postcode .....
Tel: 0272-767-767
Telephone calls during office hours only please

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3157



ACROSS

1 Fair play (13)
8 Dig in the ribs (5)
9 Incomplete (3,4)
10 Flightless New Zealand bird (3)
11 Pulsate (5)
12 Nicosia islander (7)
14 Small-sized (6)
16 Regard with respect (6)
20 Significant (7)
23 Propose (3,2)
24 Shout disappointment (3)
25 Result (7)
26 Hindu teacher (5)
27 Respectful quiet (6,7)

DOWN

1 Affecting piety (13)
2 Compelled (7)
3 Shake (7)
4 Threat (6)
5 Down (3,2)
6 Alluring woman (5)
7 US newspaper award (8,5)
13 Naval drink (3)
15 India holiday area (3)
17 Overthrow (7)
18 Under way (2,5)
19 Authority resisters (6)
21 The whole (5)
22 Brush (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3156

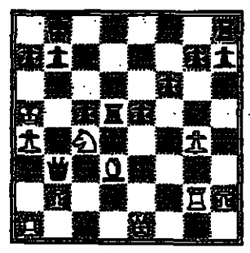
ACROSS: 1 Worn down 5 WAAC 9 Ramadan 10 Cream 11 Foil 12 Languid 14 Untidy 16 Mellow 19 Cast off 21 Cowl 24 Mains 25 Abandon 26 Rage 27 Adam Bede

DOWN: 1 Worm 2 Romeo 3 Diddled 4 Wangle 6 Asexual 7 Comedown 8 Scan 13 Dulcimer 15 Testing 17 Exclaim 18 Afraid 20 Oust 22 Wedge 23 Once

CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS: The Times Concise Crosswords — Books 1 & 2 £3.25 each. Books 3 & 4 £4.25 each. The Times Jumbo Crosswords — Book 1 £4.99, Book 2 £5.99. Concise Book 1 £5.99. The Times Crosswords — Books 1, 7, 14, 15 & 16 £4.25 each; Books 2 to 13 (excl. 7) £4.74 each. The Sunday Times Crosswords — Books 1 to 10 £4.74 each except Books 5, 9 and 11 £4.25 each. Concise Books 1 & 2 £4.25 each. Prices inc p&p (UK). Cheques to *Arlow Ltd*, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Return delivery. Tel 081-852 4575 (24 hrs).

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is the conclusion of the game Wells - Hector, Watson, Farley & Williams/City of London Corporation Chess Challenge 1991. Black has driven the White king to a dangerous position. How does he now cash in?



To book your seat for *The Times* World Chess Championship match you can ring Simpsons-in-the-Strand on 071 836 9112. Anyone booking a ticket in July will be offered a complimentary lunch at Simpsons.

Solution on page 34
Championship Chess, page 7

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PERVENCHE
a. Perchance
b. Revenge
c. Cambridge blue

TEART
a. Torn and ragged
b. Maudlin
c. Sour pasture

CERATODUS
a. Ear wax
b. A fossil fish
c. A Byzantine chamberlain

KWEDINI
a. A native boy
b. A Burmese monetary unit
c. Minced meat balls

Answers on page 34



هيكذا من الاصل